Bhutto, Sharif file papers for top job

ISLAMABAD (R) -- Arch-rivals Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif filed nomination papers Monday for the prime minister's job, to be settled in a parliamentary vote on Tuesday. Six nominations each were filed for both the former prime ministers, National Assembly (lower house) sources said. The National Assembly elected Ms. Bhutto's house) sources said. The National Assembly elected Ms. Bhutto's nominees for speaker and deputy speaker on Sunday, virtually ensuring her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) will take power despite a hung parliament. But Mr. Sharif refused to leave the field open for an easy win for Ms. Bhutto. "We will take part in the Oct. 19 election with more spirit and vigour," Mr. Sharif told reporters on Sunday, after the candidates of his Pakistan Muslim League party for the speaker and deputy speaker lost the vote. The candidate getting the majority of votes in Tuesday's polling will be invited to form the next government. The PPP emerged as the largest party in the hung National Assembly elected last week. It has been locked in a tug-of-war with Mr. Sharif for control of the hung parliaments in Islamahad and in the richest and most populous province, Punjab.

جوردان تايمز يومية سياسيار كيدر بالشجائرية عن المؤسسة الصحابة الاردنية والرايء

Iran beats Japan 2-1

DOHA (AP) — Japan's reputation as an emerging Asian soccer power suffered a setback Monday after they lost to Iran 2-1 in a ail-biting finish of the World Cup final Asian qualification match. With two minutes to go Japan recovered from a 2-0 deficit to make it 2-1 and came close to equalising. In the day's first match, Saudi Arabia, dented by the injury of a key striker and the suspension of another, beat a resident North Korea 2-1 (see page 9). "There is no excuse, Iran played better soccer and made use of their chances, we could not," said Japanese coach Marius Ooft. "Japan is not out of the tournament, but to be in we must win all the remaining matches. Ooft, a Dutchman, told a post-lunch news conference. Iranian coach Parveen Ali attributed his victory to teamwork and research. "We have been studying the Japanese and we knew how to check them." All told reporters. The Iran-Japan match brought back some memories of their ugly encounter last year that ended with the suspension of four Iranians for beating up the referee.

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King confers medal on Syrian envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday conferred on Syrian Ambassador to Jordan Maiid Abu Saleh the Jordanian independence Medal of the. First Order upon the end of his tour of duty here. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan presentted the medal to the outgoing envoy at a lunch hosted in his honour.

Qatari leader due here today

AMMAN (Petra) — Sheikh Mohammad Ben Hamad Al Thani, brother of the emir of Qatar, is due in Amman Wednesday in a three-day official visit to the country. Sheikh Mohammad is expected to meet with a number of senior Jordanian officials to discuss ways of enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two

Mitterrand in Yemen

SANA (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand arrived here Monday on the first visit by a French head of state to Yemen. Mr. Mitterrand, who flew in for the 24-hour visit from Mauritius where he attended a conference of French-speaking nations, was welcomed by Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Mr. Mitterrand, accompanied by French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, was due to hold talks with Mr. Saleh.

Libya protests contacts with Israel

TRIPOLI (APP) — Libya formally protested to three Gulf countries Monday, following reports of secret contacts between Israeli and Gulf officials. The Libyan news agency Wins La JANA said Libyan Unity Minister Jomaa Al Fazzani protested to the ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates over the contacts, which were reported by the Western media. "The contacts ... are a violation of Arab conventions and resolutions, and an insult to the martyrs who have fallen for Palestine and the Arab Nation," the minister said. Mr. Fazzani warned the ambassadors of the "dangers of such behaviour and its detrimental consequences for the higher interests of the Arab Nation."

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Denny attackers 'guilty' LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Two black men accused of

beating white trucker Reginald Denny in the early hours of the Los Anegels riots were cleared Monday of the most serious charges but found guilty on lesser counts. The jury failed to reach verdicts on some charges against Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Watson, 29. They were ordered to continue deliberating.

Iranian blast suspect held in Canada

TORONTO (AFP) — An Iraman, suspected of having links to last year's bombing of New York's World Trade Centre, is being held in protective custody in Toronto, a newspaper reported Monday. But, the Toronto Sun said, no charges have yet been laid against Mansour Ahani, 29, who has been detained in Toronto's Don jail for four months. Mr. 3 ft Shift Ahani's lawyer, Larry Konrad, said no court date had yet been neli ili set for his client. He refused to . in 52^{mi} comment further. The Iranian is seeking refugee status in

Rafsanjani in **Tashkent**

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's President Hashemi Rafsanjani arrived in Uzbekistan Monday on the first stop of a tour of Central Asia and Caucasia, aimed at bolstering economic ties with the resource-rich former Soviet republics. The Islamic Republic News Agency. 🙀 (IRNA) said Mr. Rafsanjani was given a red carpet welcome in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, by President Islam Karimov.

No decision yet on Mideast talks-Ross

U.S. troubleshooter flies to Tunis after Cairo meetings, due here today

CAIRO — The U.S. coordinator for Middle East peace talks, trying to broker a breakthrough between Syria and Israel, said Monday that Washington had not yet de-cided when to hold the next round of Arab-Israeli talks. An Israeli foreign ministry spokesman said Sunday the United States had announced

been postponed. Asked in Cairo about Israel's announcement that the talks had apparently been put back until the end of November, coordinator Dennis Ross told reporters at the start of a regional tour:

the next round of talks had

'We haven't made any such decision. No, no, one of the purposes of the trip is to assess when the next round might take place. We only just got

Later, after meeting President Hosni Mubarak, he said: 'One of the things we are out here doing is talking to everyone and we are going to try and make a judgement when... to have the next round.

"We just began our tour and obviously there will be lots of discussions in the next few

The Washington talks had been expected to resume at the end of the month, the first since the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel signed a peace deal on Palestinian self-rule last month.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher will weigh the recommendations of the Ross team before deciding whether to go to the Middle East to try to break the deadlock in Israeli-Syrian negotiations, U.S. officials said.

formal talks in Washington, but Syria has warned the Clinton administration that before accepting it wants strong in-dications Israel is ready to re-

linquish the Golan Heights. The Clinton administration is eager to build on Israel's agreements with the PLO and the accord on an agenda, for negotiations with Jordan, but the outlook for an accord between Israel and Syria is not

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa told Egyptian newspaper's editors at the end of a weekend visit to Cairo that Syria will not give up one inch of the Golan Heights.

"Every inch of the golan has the same value as the entire Syrian soil. We will never give up one single grain of Syrian soil." Al Gomhuriya newspaper quoted Mr. Sharaa as Mr. Sharaa accused the PLO

of cheating the Arab parties by striking a unilateral peace agreement with Israel without consulting them. We have agreed to coordin-

ate from the beginning, before Madrid and after Madrid. We have blocked every opportunity to advance on the Syrian track because of the restraints that we have placed on the Israeli negotiator for the sake of Palestinian rights."

But it is not the right of any of the partners to cheat the others and move unilaterally throwing aside the rules of coordination, united efforts and destiny," he said.

Mr. Sharaa sald Saturday his country would boycott the talks unless Israel showed willingness to make progress. We will not go to Washington to participate in sterile and only go when the Israelis show they are serious in achieving

results," he said. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday said progress with Syria could only be made in direct meetings.
The Syrian newspaper Al Baath, which frequently speaks for the government, said in an editorial that Mr.

lem Mr. Ross would have to work out (see story below). Israel's Maariv newspaper said Mr. Ross, then Mr. Christopher would shuttle between Israel and Syria.

Rabin's proposal for direct talks would be the first prob-

A similar shuttle by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in 1974 produced Israel's surrender of an additional slice of the Golan Heights it had seized in the 1973 Middle East war as well as the town of Quneitra, seized in 1967.

Mr. Ross flew to Tunis later Monday.

Mr. Ross said he had discussed with Mr. Mubarak ways to implement the Israel-PLO peace accord. The U.S. envoy also met Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa. An informed Palestinian

source in Tunis said Mr. Ross wold meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on Tuesday. From Tunis Mr. Ross is to

head for Jordan, Israel and The Israeli daily Haaretz said Syria planned to give Mr. Ross its definition of peace

with Israel, fulfilling an Israeli

demand to get talks moving. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in remarks broadcast Monday, said Syrian flexibility was needed before going



KING MEETS SHAATH: His Majesty King Hussein Monday receives top Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Nabil Shaath,

who arrived here after attending the first round of negotiations with Israel on imple-mentation of the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO autonomy accord (Petra photo)

Crown Prince underlines need for Arabs to absorb technology

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and the Arab World as a whole should absorb modern technology if they aim at building an effective economic structure capable of competing on the international level, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Monday.

"We need to achieve qualitative education and rationalise the use of our material and manpower resources if we wish to achieve progress," the Prince said in an address delivered to the opening of a three-day conference entitled "Future Horizons in a Changing World" (Shaath addresses forum, page 10).

The lecture was delivered on behalf of the Crown Prince by Arab Thought Forum (ATF) Secretary General Ali Um

Calling on the Arabs to absorb and learn developed and modern technology to serve as a tool for progress, the Crown Prince also emphasised that "the Arab World is in need of democratic systems to deal with pluralistic societies and to ensure protection for human dignity, freedom and other rights.

Referring to earlier Arab advancements in administration systems, Prince Hassan said: "Our ancestors also had to build up a modern military power which helped them to accomplish many achievements in war and peace and in

"Our ancestors absorbed and skilfully exploited knowledge from the Greeks, the Persians and the Indians and it helped them attain great accomplishments," he said. Today, our region is facing a major and speedy transformational era which poses many challenges for Arab econom-

not allow others to shape the future for them, because "Arabs would be strangers in such a situation."

us who are better qualified to

draw up the map for our fu-

ture," he said.

ists, engineers, technicians and He said the Arabs should

"They should therefore open the way for those among

Gazan shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian while disbanding stonethrowers in the occupied Gaza Strip,

the army said Monday.

Anwar Nasser, 23, from the Rafah refugee camp, was shot and killed Sunday, the army and Palestinian sources said. Nasser was the 1157th Palestinian to be killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians since the start of the uprising against Israel in 1987, accord-

Nasser was the fourth Palestinian to be killed by troops this month. In the same period last year, 11 Palestinians were killed.

ing to an Associated Press

Also Monday, Palestinians hurled a hand grenade at a military patrol in the occupied West Bank town of Nabius, the army said

In Animan, the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, said it would still execute Palestinian collaborators in the Gaza Strip despite a warning from Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fateh faction.

"Extermination of collaborators with Israel is a crucial part of the intifada (uprising)," said Mohammad Nazzal, the Hamas representative in Amman.

He told APP that the "collaborators" were recruiting dozens of Palestinians as 'agents of the Israeli security

"Even if Fateh, which until recently joined us in getting the agents, has committed it-self to halting the uprising, we are still committed to its con-

Syrian papers reject Rabin call for talks

DAMASCUS (AP) - Government newspapers on Mon-day rejected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's call for changing the present for-mula for the Middle East peace talks to break the logiam between the Jewish state and

They said Mr. Rabin was trying to further complicate the mission of U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, who is touring the region in an effort to push forward the Syria-Israeli peace talks.

Damascus Radio, mean-

while, rejected Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' remark Monday that the Golan Heights would not be returned to Syria as a gift.

Syria has said the return of

the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights is a pre-condition to any peace agreement.

The radio objected to Mr.

Peres' remark by saying the demand for a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights is dictated by United Nations resolutions and "can't be described as a gift presented to one party by another."

"Under U.N. resolutions Israel should withdraw from the territories which it occupied by force and through aggression," said the radio.
"The return of the land to its owners can't be regarded as a

The radio said no one was asking Israel to do more thancommit itself to the legitimacy of the United Nations and to give up "the law of the jung-

The newspaper Al Baath, mouthpiece of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, said Mr. Rabin's call Sunday for direct talks with Damascus "constitute the first obstacle before the American coordinator... and it is one of many obstacles that Israel places in the peace

Added Al Baath: "There is

no need for Syria to present more evidence of the impotency of the Israeli stands as Rabin has already placed the first obstacle for the American

coordinator." Mr. Rabin said Sunday the present formula for the talks imited, periodical sessions in Washington — was a "recipe

for failure." He suggested instead direct meetings such as those held in secret in Norway between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel that culminated in the landmark Sept. 13 agreement on Palestinian

Syria has said it did not oppose the Israel-PLO accord. But it has bitterly criticised the PLO for going behind the backs of the other Arab participants in the two-year-old peace process - Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — to negotiate

Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said in Cairo last week the Syrians would not return to the negotiating table if U.S. shuttle diplomacy fails to narrow the gap between Damas-cus and the Jewish state.

After Mr. Ross, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to tour the region in November.

"Hopes are pinned on the outcome of the upcoming U.S. diplomatic moves which must eventually be in the interest of a just and comprehensive peace that maintains security and stability and not otherwise," the English-language newspaper Syria Times said in

interested in dealing separately with Israel, and was determined "to work seriously with others (Arabs) with a view to realising the widely approved just and comprehensive

It stressed that Syria was not

Iraq, Iran begin talks on relations

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Talks aimed at improving relations between Iraq and Iran began in the foreign ministry here Monday, officials said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who arrived here Sunday, started talks with a top Iraqi Foreign Ministry official, Saad Abdul Majid Al Faisal, the officials

It is the first visit to Iraq by a high ranking Iranian official since the 1991 Gulf war.

The official Al Thawra newspaper reported Monday Mr. Zarif was due to stay here for four days, in a visit the Iraqì News Agency said was aimed at preparing a meeting between the two countries' foreign ministers.

Mr. Zarif said on arrival

Sunday that Tehran seeks the "full implementation" of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 that ended eight years of war with Iraq in 1988.

The resolution provides among other things for the release and the repatriation of prisoners of war (PoWs). PoWs "will be the most im-

portant issue on the agenda,'

Mr. Zarif added. Iraq says that it has released all Iranian PoWs but that 20,000 Iraqi soldiers are still held in Iran. Tehran says that 5,000 Iranian PoWs are still

Mr. Zarif also said the meeting would also focus on disputed frontier areas, a thorny issue between the two that served as a catalyst for the bloody 1980-1988 war.

imprisoned in Iraq.

"I come here to discuss with my Iraqi colleagues relations between the two countries and the remaining problems that we have with Iraq, particularly the issue of prisoners of war." Mr. Zarif told reporters on

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
- President Bill Clinton imposed new sanctions Monday on military and police leaders opposed to the return of democracy to Haiti, freezing their assets and forbidding them from travelling to the United

The action is part of Mr. Clinton's plan against those who helped overthrow President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991 and refuse to abide by an agreement to reinstate the exiled leader on Oct. 30.

An oil embargo that was lifted in July amid signs of progress was restored last week by Mr. Clinton. Monday's sanctions mirror other restrictions lifted in July.

"The military and police authorities must understand they have no future," in continuing democracy, said White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers. "We must protect American lives, we must prevent a mass exodus of Haitians," she said, reading from a statement. "We want to help restore democracy in Haiti and thereby promote democracy throughout the

to block efforts to restore

hemisphere, Ms. Myers said Mr. Clinton was to sign an executive order imposing the sanctions at midnight unless Mr. Aristide is allowed back in power.

Earlier, the White House said President Clinton was concerned that a proposal to require congressional authorisation before sending U.S. troops to Haiti could restrict his authority as commander in chief, the White House said

Monday.

At the State Department, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said: "Any provision which preconditions the ability of the president to use the armed forces is offensive to the (U.S.) constitution." If adopted, Senator Robert Dole's amendment would be a

very serious setback for the United States," Mr. Christopher said. He spoke during a photo session with Finnish Foreign Minister Jukka Valta-But Ms. Myers said the pres-

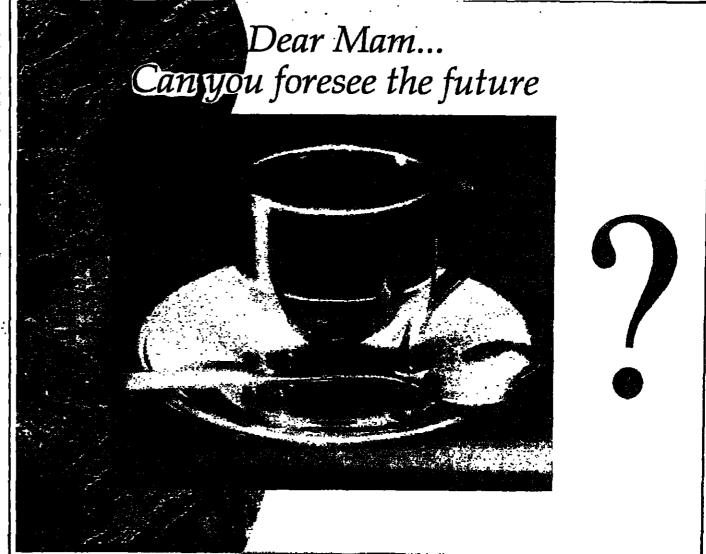
ident has not taken a position on Mr. Dole's plan to introduce a bill that would restrict the president's ability to deploy forces to the Caribbean COUNTIV

"We'll see. It's not in final form yet," she said. Haitians observed an official period of mourning for their slain justice minister Monday as more nations backed the naval blockade.

France and the Netherlands offered ships for the blockade, joining six U.S. warships already off Haiti. Canada and Argentina also pledged ships to the effort.

The Haitian capital was quiet with schools and government buildings closed for the three-day mourning period that began Monday to honor Justice Minister Guy Malary, who was gunned down.

Many large shops were closed but smaller stores and street vendors opened for business. Street traffic was diminished but some public transports were running and some gasoline stations were servicing customers.



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een Berets work to heal Somali bodies and win minds

By Michelle Faul The Associated Press MOGADISHU - The Green Berets loaded their M-16 rifles and snapped on their flak jackets as they drove out of the U.S. military compound on a mission to heal bodies and win Somali

hearts. "Americo Americo" kids yelled as they waved thumbsup signs along the route, past bombed-out villas and two checkpoints manned by Pakistani tanks.

The soldiers scanned the crowd along a sidewalk lined with stalls, but the only sign of hostility came from a veiled woman who gestured obscenely.

The convoy of eight humvees and a truck pulled into a street in Medina, a haven of security in the southern Mogadishu stronghold of warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed.

Troops unloaded boxes of medicine, tables, chairs and medical instruments and arranged them in an empty clinic once run by the U.N. Children's Fund. That was before Gen. Aideed's guerrillas began targeting foreigners and most humanitarian agen-

cies abandoned the city. Within 20 minutes, nearly 100 people had gathered outside, mainly women and chil-

Omar Abdullahi Omar was first, a man carrying the 12year-old boy arranged his withered legs under a tree.

"There isn't anything we can do for him, medically, said Shawn Alderman, a doctor. "When the civil war broke out between the clans, Omar was one of hundreds of thousands of innocent vic-

He was caught in cross-fire by a bullet that tore into his left side and severed his spin-

MOGADISHU (AFP) -

U.N. officials struggling to res-

tore order in the anarchy of

Mogadishu said Monday they

wanted to open talks with aides of warlord Mohammad Farah

Meanwhile speculation

mounted that the United Na-

tions would free at least some

of 70 suspected Aideed sup-

porters detained in connection

with the killings of more than

70 foreign troops here since

Last week U.S. envoy

Robert Oakley secured the re-

lease of a captured U.S. air-

man and a Nigerian soldier,

and Washington is pushing the

United Nations to release

Somali prisoners, diplomats

Now that the U.S. has aban-

doned attempts to arrest Gen.

Aideed, an informal ceasefire

has restored a fragile calm to

at best precarious, U.S. forces

fired warning shots when 10

armed Somalis approached an

American base in Gen.

Aideed's south Mogadishu

stronghold Monday, military

spokeswoman Dawn Kilpat-

The Somalis fled and took

The Somalis were unidenti-

refuge in a house. No casual-

ties were reported, Ms. Kilpat-

fied, and it was unknown

whether they were Aideed

In a chilling reminder that

clan warfare can resurface at

any time in this chaotic and

violent city, Ms. Kilpatrick

said Somalis fired a mortar

round early Monday in an area

But in a sign that the truce is

this war-weary capital.

May, civilian officials said.

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U.N. wants talks

Dr. Alderman produced a wheelchair, begged from the 46th U.S. Combat Support Hospital. He gently gathered up the paraplegic and, before putting him into it, showed him a sign in Somnali written

on the back. It said, "Omar, the kid." The young boy, who'd looked listless all along, appeared dazed. "America — good," said his mother. Nura Ahmad Jimale.

Then she broke into Somali, having exhausted her English. An interpreter explained: "She says Omar will have a new life now. For the past year, he has lain on the floor of their home, incontinent, moved only when they have to clean up his mess.

It was the second time the Green Berets, officially called the Special Forces, had opened the clinic since Oct. when Aideed's guerrillas shot down two helicopters on a raiding mission to arrest the clan leader's aides.

Some 400 American, Pakistani and Malaysian soldiers fought about 1,000 Aideed backers in the ensuing nine-hour battle. More than 300 Somalis, one Malaysian and 18 Americans were killed.

Last week, the berets scouted Medina, testing the mood with religious leaders and other elders. They decided the area was not bostile and was secured by anti-

Aideed militiamen. Major Bill Robinson, who was in charge of the exercise, said the work paid off better than the military approach that led to the Oct. 3 debacle and prompted U.S. President Bill Clinton to opt for di-

plomacy in Somalia. The focus on (winning) hearts and minds should have been the focus all along,

without U.N. troops.

attack from another clan.

tacts" with the warlord's

Saudis angered by Thailand theft case

BANGKOK (R) - Saudi Arabia is still furious about family jewellery stolen from a Saudi prince and will not reopen its ucrative labour market to Thai workers until the case is resolved, Riyadh's envoy to

Bangkok said. Charge d'Affaires Moham-mad Said Khoja told the Nation newspaper his country is not satisfied with the final result of Thailand's investigation

into the case. "I am not making a threat, but we will not allow those who have in their possession Saudi precious stones to remain unpunished," he said in an interview published Monday.

Thai worker Kriangkrai Techamong, 43, was convicted of stealing 500 million baht (\$20 million) worth of jewellery from a Saudi Arabian palace in early 1990.

Police caught him and re-turned the jewellery but the Saudis said 75 per cent of what was returned was cheap fakes.

An Interior Ministry report released last week concluded a police general and several police officers and civilians were alone responsible for the embezzlement, despite wide-spread speculation that more police were involved.

The Interior Ministry has denied unconfirmed reports of the jewellery being worn by the wives of high-ranking police.

"Can the Thai government say where the rest of the jewellery is? Even people on the street know the answer. I want to let the Thais know that we are not fools," Mr. Khoja said.
"I want to say that those

who are in possession of the jewellery are taking advantage of other Thais," he said.

Queen Elizabeth arrives in Cyprus amid controversy

with Aideed faction Somali sources said Aideed men had probably come under U.N. spokesman Farouk has caused growing protests from Greek-Cypriot national-Mawlawi said the U.N. has established "informal con-

> Somali National Alliance "They have been informed of our willingness to resume dialogue," said Mr. Mawlawi. week-long visit. "Now the ball is in their

court." Mr. Mawlawi declined to comment further. But other U.N. officials said the SNA had been asked to name seven representatives to negotiate the freedom of the Somalis and the extension of the truce.

The Eritrean and Ethiopian ambassadors here have served as intermediaries between the United Nations and the SNA so far, said the officials, who declined to be named.

But Gen. Aideed's enemy self-styled 'interim President Ali Mahdi Mohammad, who met the two envoys at the weekend, is unhappy about the involvement of Ethiopia and Eritrea in mediation efforts

'Ali Mahdi feels marginalised while the U.S. and now the U.N. are concentrating on getting a deal with Aideed," a U.N. official said.

"He wants assurances that he won't be left out of that deal, but the problem is, if they work something out with him. the other clans may be angry," the official said. "It will take more diplomacy than the U.N. has shown so far to get back on

NICOSIA (AFP) — Cypriot police were placed on extra alert after threats against British interests as the queen arrived Monday for a visit which

are basically driving a spear

into your heart with what we

were doing before. And if

you keep running into resist-

ance and you keeping going (with force), you just keep driving that spear deeper.

Green Berets to the clinic,

but not enough doctors. So he called the Swedish army

hospital. "They wanted to go out, but didn't feel safe, so

when we said we'd provide

the security, they were de-

Americans first opened the clinic, they could not per-

suade any U.N. military doc-

It was another sign of eas-

ing tensions since Gen.

Aideed declared a ceasefire a week ago. He then released

two captured peacekeepers,

U.S. helicopter pilot Michael

Durant and Nigerian Umar

At the clinic, doctors and medics treated everything from diarrhoea and tubercu-

Maj. Robinson hopes that

as clan leaders see the be-

nefits from such clinics and

school-rebuilding projects,

their rivals will come under

pressure to cooperate with

the American troops.

It is hard to feel you have

an enemy in someone who is

sergeant from Davenport,

Iowa, cleaned and dressed

two pus-filled holes in the

thigh and stomach of Deeko

Abdul Mohammad, 16. She also was caught in the cross-

"I don't know why I'm

doing this," said the medic,

Mark Rausenberger. "Even-tually, that leg will have to be

amputated. But maybe this

will give her some hope."

On Saturday, a 24-year-old

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A week before, when the

lighted to come.

tors to join them.

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Maj. Robinson brought 20

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were greeted by President Glafcos Clerides, will stay on the royal yacht Britannia during the

Police said the already draconian security had been stepped up after two letters threatening action against 'British targets" had been found amid burgeoning nationalist feeling in this former colony.

With more than 2,000 police deployed, security is already the tightest in the island's history for the queen's visit and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) due to start Thurs-

Police chiefs took Monday's threats sufficiently seriously t hold an emergency meeting which decided further to boost the security levels.

Greek Cypriot nationalists hold the queen, who was monarch at the time, to blame for the hanging of nine nationalist guerrillas by British forces during the struggle for independence in the 1950s.

A row over possible British contacts with Turkish authorities in northern Cyprus meanwhile was defused only hours before the Queen began her

visit, the first by a British monarch. British diplomats said on Monday afternoon that Fore-

ign Secretary Douglas Hurd

would not hold a separate meeting with Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

President Clerides had threatened to boycott a threeway working lunch with Mr. Hurd and Mr. Denktash, planned for Wednesday, if Greek-Cypriot press reports of the planned meeting turned out to be true.

The self-declared Turkish republic of Northern Cyprus is not recognised by the international community, although Mr. Denktash has been fighting for recognition for years.

Mr. Clerides warned that relations would be "substantially affected" if Britain made any moves towards giving the breakaway state equal status as his government.

The row was defused after British High Commissioner David Dain gave Cypriot Foreign Minister Alecos Michaelides a copy of Mr. Hurd's programme. "There is no separate meet-

ing with Denktash," British high commission spokesman Richard Potter told AFP But tension remained amid a

groundswell of nationalist feeling against Queen Elizabeth, who is to be handed the golden key to the city of Nicosia during a ceremony here on Tues-

The decision has prompted protests and hunger-strikes among the Greek Cypriot population.

The council in Limassol, the resort where the Commonwealth talks will take place, was to decide late Monday whether to grant her the same honour and a protest demonstration was planned outside the town hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysia offers aid for Palestinian self-rule

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — Malaysia pledged 12.5 million ringgit (\$5 million) to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Monday to help rebuild parts of the occupied territories. Palestinians are to exercise self-rule over the areas targetted by the Malaysian offer once Israeli forces withdraw. Malaysia will also provide technical assistance to the council of the Palestine national authority which will administer the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi said. Malaysia's technical assistance to the Palestinians, under its technical cooperation programme for developing countries, will cover human resources development and institutional training, he said. Palestinian Ambassa-dor Ahmad Al Farra said Malaysia was the first country to contribute directly to the council since Israel and the PLO signed a peace accord in Washington last month. "Malaysia is the first to provide direct, bilateral assistance to the council, Mr. Farra said. "Other countries have pledged funds, but on a multilateral basis through agencies like the World Bank.' Predominantly-Muslim Malaysia, a staunch supporter of the PLO, which enjoys full diplomatic recognition here, was among the first countries to recognise the Palestine state in 1988, officials said. Malaysia does not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Saudi-Yemen border talks to resume

DUBAI (R) - Saudi-Yemeni border talks will resume next Monday, a Saudi Arabian official source said. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) late on Sunday quoted the source as saying the sixth round of border talks with Yemen will be held in the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh. The talks were due to have been held on Oct. 9 but the Saudi side asked for postponement. In August oil industry sources said some international oil firms operating under licence from Sanaa near the Saudi-Yemeni border received letters saying they were trespassing on Saudi land.

Indonesian army denies contact with Israel

JAKARTA(AFP) — The Indonesian army denied Monday it had had contact with Israeli forces in recent years, after allegations the military here periodically cooperated with that of Israel, which Indonesia does not recognise. General Syarwan Hamid, spokesman for the military headquarters here, told AFP: "There has never been any contact between Abri (armed forces of Indonesia) and Israel." He said Indonesia had not bought any aircraft from Israel nor engaged in anti-terrorist training, "No aircraft was bought from Israel," he said. "There was no joint action with Israel." Sources here have said that since the end of the 1970s the Indonesian army periodically cooperated with industrialists or the military from Israel. Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, does not recognise. The Muslim World responded coolly to the surprise visit to Jakarta by Israeli Yitzhak Rabin last Friday, and his reception by President Suharto in his capacity as leader of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Passenger plane engine explodes midair

TEL AVIV (AP) - An engine on a French-owned charter plane exploded during takeoff at Ben-Gurion international airport, causing a forced landing, a statement by airport authorities said. None of the 159 passengers and crew aboard the Air Liberty DM-89 headed for Paris was hurt, the statement said. The engine exploded 15 metres in the air, the sound rocking the air traffic control tower, controllers said. Flames licked out of the plane as the pilot continued towards the Mediterranean Sea to dump fuel, they said. He doubled back to land because of smoke in the cockpit. The explosion was caused by intense 37 C (99 F) degree heat, a full load and strong winds from the desert, air traffic controllers said. There would be no investigation. Flights were delayed for an hour while airport workers cleared debris from the main runway. Air Liberty runs regular flights between Israel and France.

Israeli woman on Interpol executive

TEL AVIV (AP) - Interpol, the international police agency, appointed a woman to its ruling body for the first time in its 70-year history, Israeli police said in a statement Sunday. District-superintendant Etty Yavnin of the Israel national police is also the first Israeli to be elected by Interpol representatives to the 13-member executive committee, the statement said. "The time is right," Ms. Yavnin told the Associated Press. "The recent peace moves made a difference." Israel was traditionally isolated in international forums until U-S.-backed peace talks started making progress last year. Since then, Israel has applied to serve on the U.N. Security Council, and the United Nations peacekeeping forces have asked Israelis to join their ranks. Ms. Yavnin, 40, said she is sure she had Arab backing in the vote at Interpol's annual general assembly, held last week in Aruba. She beat two other candidates to an executive post reserved for Asia by 47 votes out of 94. Ms. Yavnin is Israel's liaison with other police forces, and has represented Israel at Interpol since 1986. She is one of only two women representatives to the organisation. Interpol, an acronym for International Criminal Police Organisation, was founded in 1922 as a worldwide clearinghouse for police information. It has been most effective against counterfeiting, forgery, smuggling and drug

Rabbi misunderstands mother, circumcises baby

TEL AVIV (AP) - Wednesday, the rabbi circumcised the wrong baby. Israel's ministry of religions Sunday dismissed charges against a rabbi who circumcised a baby boy in the town of Beersheba without the mother's consent. The text of the ruling was published by the Itim news agency. Yitzhak Nagar, a ministry official, went knocking on doors in a Beersheba neighbourhood filled with new immigrants on Wednesday, Sept. 22, the ruling said, looking for newborn boys who had not yet been circumcised. Jewish law says that

males must be circumcised at the age of eight days to mark the Biblical covenant between God and Abraham, the patriarch of Israel. Irna Pundersky, a recent immigrant from Russia, did not speak much Hebrew, the ruling said, but she was friendly enough: She held up the baby for examination. Sure enough, Mr. Nagar noted, the boy was uncircumcised. Mr. Nagar returned with Rabbi Shlomo Maman. They asked Mrs. Pundersky to leave the room — they did not want to upset her - and Rabbi Maman circumcised the boy, unnamed in the ruling. When Rabbi Maman returned later the same day to check on the boy, he found out Mrs. Pundersky had filed a complaint of kidnapping against him with the police. Police did not lay charges, they accepted Rabbi Maman's story that he believed he had a licence to circumcise — but the religions ministry set up a commission of inquiry. On Sunday, the commission chairman, ministry director Zeev Ropsenberg, said the commission also believed the baby was circumcised in good faith. However, he told Mr. Nagar and Rabbi Maman they were negligent in thoroughly checking the circumstances. For instance, he said, the infant lacked one crucial precondition for a proper religious circumcision: He wasn't Jewish.

Iran criticised for blackout over contact with Egypt

TEHRAN (AFP) — A radical daily on Sunday criticised the government for keeping silent about a meeting between the foreign ministers of Iran and Egypt in the sidelines of U.N. General Assembly last month. "With out silence we provide opportunity for Egyptian sources and their backers to spread property." said Kayban, the largest completion daily. rumours," said Kayhan, the largest-circulation daily in Iran. Why do we allow the notorious government in Egypt to take advantage of such rumours to defile us?" The paper warned against any contacts with the "sell-out regime" in Cairo, but called for greater openness "should the government see them necessary for diplomatic considerations." The London-based Saudi daily, Al Sharq Al Awsat, reported earlier this week on meeting between Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Egyptian counterpart Amr Musa in New York last month. Relations between Tehran and Cairo, already strained since the 1979 Islamic revolution, have deteriorated in recent months, after Egypt accused Tehran of aiding fundamentalists battling the secular government in that

Israeli family reunited after 75 years

TEL AVIV (AFP) - When Somia Mindel arrived in Tel-Aviv's Ben Gurion airport on Saturday, she did not recognise her little brother and sister who came to meet her - because the last time they saw each other was in 1918. Exactly 75 years ago, Sonia, now 90, moved out of the family home in what was then White Russia to stay with relatives in Russia, according to a story in Sunday's Yediot Aharanot newspaper. Soon afterwards her brother, Zelig, now 86, and sister Rachel, 78, moved to the Holy Land, against their father's wishes. Family members who stayed behind in what is now Belarus were all slaughtered after the Nazi invasion of 1941, but Sonia remained in Russia, unable in future years to get an exit visa from the Soviet Union. On Saturday, she finally flew in to see her siblings. The three had to be reunited by customs officials as they did not recognise each other. "All these years we have dreamed of seeing each other again before death took us away," Rachel Mindel told journalists at the airport.

SLA bans motorcycles in 'security zone'

MARJAYOUN (AP) - The Israeli-affiliated South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia on Monday banned the use of motorcycles in the enclave the Jewish state occupies in South Lebanon. A statement broadcast on the SLA-run Voice of the South radio station said the decision was due to "accumulating and dangerous accidents resulting from the use of motorcycles" inside Israel's self-styled "security zone." The statement said motorcycles would be confiscated in the future. The move came four days after a civilian on a motorcycle was fatally shot by Israeli troops as he tried to overtake an Israeli patrol in Aishiyyeh, in the eastern sector of the zone. The Israelis apparently mistook the rider, Elias Kiserwani, for a guerrilla infiltrator. Security sources in South Lebanon, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the SLA and the Israelis are worried about a possible rash of booby-trapped motorcycle attacks on Israeli and SLA positions inside the "security

Sheikh Sabah to visit Japan this week

TOKYO (AFP) - Kuwait's former foreign minister is scheduled to arrive in Japan Thursday as an envoy to explain the emirate's stance on Iraq's breach of U.N. resolutions, the Foreign Ministry said. It said Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, who has also served as deputy prime minister, would meet Crown Prince Naruhito and pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa during his week-long visit. The visit "is based on a request of the government of Kuwait to explain its stance to Japan on the problems stemming from Iraq's breach of the U.N. resolutions, especially the problem of detainees," the ministry said.

Seventh journalist killed in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — Unidentified attackers killed an Algerian state television journalist Monday, the seventh local journalist to be slain in five months of violence blamed on Muslim fundamentalists. Algiers Radio said Smail Yefsah was murdered outside his home in the university suburb of Bab Al Zouar in Algiers. He was the second television journalist to be killed in five days. Former network head Mustapha Abada was gunned down last Thursday in 'Ain Taya, 20 kilometres east of the capital. The radio termed Yefsah's killing "a new act of terrorism"—the usual Algerian term for violence blamed on armed fundamentalists seeking to set up a purist Islamic state. The official news agency APS, quoting security services, said Yefsah was killed at 8:30 a.m. No other details were immediately available.

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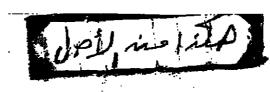
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Queen visits national products exhibit of Jordan Design and Trade Centre

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Monday visited loor Al Hussein Foundation's NHF) exhibition of handcrafts at the Abu Jaber Tourisic Estate next to Kan Zaman Yadoudeh.

The exhibition, which is the inst of NHF's Jordan Design and Trade Centre (JDTC), inludes special selections of woolen rugs, embroidered 10me furnishings, ceramics, lassware, basketry, fashionible clothing, wrought iron urniture, personal accessories

and Islamic calligraphy items. These have all been deigned and produced by Jordanians, including individual raftspeople and 1,300 needy vomen who have been trained and supported by the JDTC, and who represent the pro-ect's 3,000 beneficiaries at this xhibition

JDTC Director Fitna Kalaji aid the aim of the exhibition, n addition to generating inome from sales, is to introluce to the public the high evel of handicrafts developed inder the auspices of JDTC.

JDTC extends assistance to xisting and emerging Jordauan handicrafts groups in proluct development, technical nd management training, and

All of this effort, she said, is lesigned to lead to sales which reate sustainable jobs and elp preserve the Kingdom's

ational heritage.
David O'Connor, the narketing adviser for the DTC, said that since its estabishment in 1990, much of DTC's work was focused on leveloping export markets. By raticipating in international rade shows in the United tates. France and Germany, he centre has reached a much rider market for Jordanian andicrafts which have sserted themselves strongly Mr. O'Connor added that



Her Majesty Queen Noor admires a ceramics display during her visit Monday to the Jordan

Design and Trade Centre Exhibition at the Abu Inher Touristic Estate (Petra photo)

JDTC also sells locally to Jordanians and tourists, and because this market is expanding, JDTC is seeking to establish a retail outlet.

The exhibition is the first major step in promoting the JDTC's quality products to the local market. It will be open until Oct. 24.

The 250-year-old Abu Jaber Touristic Estate was chosen for this exhibition because its atmosphere creates a positive cultural and historical setting in which to display JDTC's products, and because one of JDTC's major objectives is to integrate handicrafts produc-

tion with tourism As JDTC seeks to raise the standards of national handicrafts production, improve marketing opportunities for crafts, create new jobs and increase women's involvement in production and decision making, it extends its services to individual craftspeople, non-profit and non-

governmental institutions. The total number of beneficiaries from the centre's training, technical and marketing services has reached 3,000 individuals and their families

Four towns in the south alone, in the Hweitat tribe region, have 600 women involved in a project of wool washing, spinning and weav-JDTC also prides itself in

reviving two embroidery stitches that had completely died out: the Ma'ani stitch from the south and the "Jordanian" or 'Jerash" stitch from the north. JDTC has also locally developed new looms that are more efficient and less tiring, and has begun the first hand-

JDTC operates with funding from the U.S. Agency for In-.

loom production of textiles in

ternational Development (IJSAID) and assistance from the Jordan Development Fund and the Jordan Trade Centres and Export Promotion Corporation, as well as small grants from the embassies of anada, Australia, the U.K., China, and the Netherlands.

The JDTC is a major offshoot of the National Handicraft Development Project which was launched by Queen Noor in 1985 to revive traditional crafts and preserve Jordan's heritage by supporting craftspeople and crafts institutions to produce innovative, high quality, and attractively priced handicrafts.

The Queen was received upon arrival at the exhibition by Minister of Tourism, Mohammad Al Udwan, NHF President Ina'am Mufti, USAID Director in Amman, William Oliver, and senior government, NHF and USAID

Kingdom awaits lawyers' approval of debt rescheduling documents

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan has completed its part of the procedures related to the rescheduling of \$895 million in commercial debts and is awaiting the formalisation of documents by legal experts before. the Kingdom's agreement with the London Club of commercial debtors is signed, senior official said Monday.

It was expected Finance Minister Sami Gammo and Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Šaced Al Nabulsi were to travel to London in early October to sign the agreement with members of a steering com∟ittee of the London Club, but international lawyers are taking their own time in putting their stamp of approval on the document, said the official.

"It is not in our hands anymore," said the official, who preferred anonymity. "The lawyers are studying it, and as soon as we are notified that they are finished with it, we will set a date for a formal signing of the document."

"It is an awesome task," said the official. "There are thousands and thousands of papers related to every aspect of Jordan's accord with London Club reached earlier this

Minister Abdul Salam Al Ma-

jali Monday called on the Free Zones Corporation (FZC) to expand its activities in a ba-

lanced and integrated manner and be ready for the coming

Addressing a meeting at the FZC headquarters, attended by FZC Director Falah Qudah, Dr. Majali said the corporation

ought to benefit from available

opportunities and employ ev-

ery positive element to serve

Stressing the importance of

the FZC's work in encouraging

investment, Dr. Majali said

that bureaucracy and routine

should be eliminated if the

corporation is to enter the

world of advanced develop-

The private sector, he

added, should be given all in-

the national economy.

ment and progress.

Deputy Governor Michel Marto travelled to London two months ago to help draw up the documents and complete the Jordanian side of the procedures after the Kingdom and the London Club reached an agreement in principle in July on rescheduling \$745 million in prinlion to the United States. cipal and \$150 million in interest owed to the group of some 80 plus commercial

Once the agreement is signed, all banks wil be bound by the terms and provisions contained therein, and there is no need for Jordan to enter separate bilateral accords with the banks.

banks and financial institu-

Under the agreement, around two-thirds of the principal will be rescheduled for 30 years, and the rest would be bought back at a 35 per

Outstanding interest will be partially paid and the rest will be rescheduled for 12

The rescheduling arrange ment will be guaranteed by 30-year and 12-year maturity, fixed amount U.S. treasury bonds purchased by Jordan. Mr. Gammo, the finance minister, has said that the accord offers an indirect long-term debt reduction of up to 60 per cent of Jordan's

Majali urges integrated, balanced

expansion of Free Zones Corporation

Jordan's foreign debts, including those owed to governments and state-owned agencies, total \$6.5 billion. The London Club accord will bring down this amount to around \$5.6 billion, of which around \$3 billion are owed to European and Japanese governments and around \$1 bil-

Jordan is seeking various forms of "debt relief," including "debt conversion" under which the creditors could turn their dues into investments in Jordan or into non-convertible bonds in Jordanian bonds.

The Kingdom is also hoping for a write-off of the military part of the total debts. No definite split-up is available, but \$380 million of the dues to the United States is military debt, which, under U.S. law, could be written off. Egypt and Poland have secured such relief from the

Hope that Washington

would write off the \$380 million was raised when President Bill Clinton, after a meeting with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Oct. 1, said his administration would help Jordan and support the Kingdom's efforts to address its foreign debts, one of the highest per capita obligations in the Third World.

Diplomats noted that the administration had to secure congressional approval for a write-off of the military

The next logical step is for the State Department to follow up on president Clinton's pledge and seek congressional approval for the write-off," said a western diplomat.

"Given the positive atmosphere and the increasing warmth in Jordanian-American relations, as well as the dramatic developments and progress in the peace process, it could be safely assumed that there will not be any congressional hurdles," added the diplomat.

Jordanian officials prefer not to discuss the issue. "We are hopeful of positive moves from Washington as well as other world capitals," said a senior official.

'It is not only debt writeoff, but a host of other actions that could help Jordan through its economic difficul-

Overali, Jordan has managed to bring down foreign debts to 140 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) down from more than 200 per cent four years ago. The Kingdom is aiming to bring it down, in the short term, to 70 per cent or less so that it is free to turn its attention to domestic infrastructure and development.

Crown Prince stresses need to exploit minerals to boost chemical industry

imman (Petra) — His Royal chemical engineering confer-lighness Crown Prince Has ence at the University of Jor-an said Monday the minerals dan. nd salts of the Dead Sea, as cell as Jordanian phosphate, onstitute a great wealth for he basis of different chemical . - : . :

ndustries in the country. These two products could be xploited to produce new naterials and fertilisers in arge quantities, thus placing ordan in the forefront among :hemical-exporting countries, aid the Prince in an address lelivered on his behalf by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Walid Asfour at he opening of a three-day ence at the University of Jor-

All efforts by various concerned authorities in Jordan to expand production of mineral resources and promote chemical industries are strongly encouraged, said Prince Hassan.

technology.

centres to study how best to

The Crown Prince said the country needs a strong, national scientific and technological base in order to develop its mining and mineral processing industries, as well as highly trained individuals and modern

Urging scientific research

promote mineral wealth exploration, Prince Hassan said that research activities should be closely linked to produc-

tion, thus linking curricula to the acual needs of industry. Kingdom's industrial production methods to avoid dependency on foreign expertise and technology.

To achieve such independence national scientific institutions must be bolstered, which in turn should spur feasibility studies for industrial projects and generally help promote Jordanian industry. Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) President Husni Abu Ghaida

that 105 working papers in-cluding 26 from Jordan are being reviewed by delegates from 25 countries.

Jordanian papers will focus mainly on glass manufacturing, phosphate, potash and cement industries, petroleum refining and topics related to the en-

The delegates include professors from Arab, European and American universities.

centives to enable to it to play a key role in economic de-Following the opening ses-sion. Energy Minister Walid velonment At the outset of the meeting, Asfour opened a three-day ex-Mr. Qudah reviewed the corhibition of engineering equipporation's activities and its

achievements. The volume of work at the Aqaba and Zarqa free zones has considerably increased,



Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday visits the Free Trade Zones Corporation (FTZ)

where he is briefed on its activities by FTZ head Falah Qudah (centre) (Petra photo)

and investment in industrial and commercial concerns have Oudah.

been on the rise, said Mr. To expand the free zones, 700 dunums have been developed for the necessary infrastructure to facilitate expansions, added Mr. Oudah.

corporation's administrative reorganisation to cope with the expansions and new regulations which, he said, can help The FZC chief outlined the encourage more investments.

SSC investments reach JD545m

AMMAN (Petra) — By the end of September total invest-nents of the Social Security Corporation (SSC) in various lomains amounted to JD 545 nillion, contributing to econonic development in Jordan and ensuring increased profits or beneficiaries, according to. SC Director Mohammad aleh Al Hourani.

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Addressing a press confer-nce at his office marking the SC's 15 anniversary, Mr. lourani said the investment ame from the accumulating remiums collected from '00,000 workers employed by ,000 firms and organisations perating in the Kingdom. It is hoped that more benefiiaries employed by the public

and private sectors will be covered by the SSC next year, he

Mr. Hourani demanded the elimination of bureaucratic measures and routine to help the corporation make invest-

The SSC board of directors would want to avoid government routine in purchases of equipment, in financing construction projects and in any other form of investment in order to move directly towards the execution of projects without delay, said Mr. Hourani.

Referring to the SSC plans to include workers and their dependents in a comprehensive health insurance scheme, Mr. Hourani said that the Uni-

versity of Jordan is currently conducting studies on such a plan and the prospects of its implementation in stages.

But he noted that this project faces two snags: the cost, which exceeds what employers and workers could afford in a administrative and technical capabilities required to handle Should the health insurance

plan be implemented, it would directly benefit at least one million persons.

Ministry plans nuclear energy institute

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources plans to set up a national and independent nuclear energy organisation and hopes that the International Atomic Energy Agency (AEA) will extend assistance to the ministry in this endeavour, according to Abdul Wahab Zoubi, the ministry secretary general. Mr. Zoubi made the announcement at the opening session of a two-day workshop on the use of nuclear and related techniques in plant nutrient and water balance studies, organised by the ministry in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the IAEA.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition entitled "The Spirit of the Youth" by artist Muhammad Al Lahham at the Baladna Art Gallery.
- ☆ The Jordan International Exhibition displaying electric equipment and appliances, furniture, carpets, food items, chemicals, cosmetics, flowers, marble, and tiles at the Amman International Fair.
- ★ The 4th Amman International Computer Exhibition at the Amman International Car Show.
- Art exhibition by artist Farouq Lambaz at the Alia Art
- ★ The Petra Exhibition a presentation of the activities of Jordanian and international institutions involved in archaeological, ethnographic and environmental research in the Petra region at the Royal Cultural Centre. ☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by late cartoonist Naji Al Ali
- at the Pakistani Universities Alumni Club in Jabal Amman. ★ Exhibition of handicrafts at Abu Jaber estate. Yadoudeh
- (next to Kan Zaman). ☆ Art exhibition by artists Abir Al Bawab, Michael 'Ujailat, Mohammad Abu Afifeh, Amani Masha'al, and Mohammad Abu Aziz at Abu Nseir Club.
- ☆ Art exhibition by artists Mahmond Taha and Salman Abbas at Ab'aad Art Gallery.
- \Rightarrow Photo exhibition displaying pictures from Jordan and Syria by German artist J. Swakowski at the Goethe Institute. ☆ Art exhibition by artist Ali Talib at the Balka'a Art Gallery

DISCUSSION SESSION

Discussion session entitled "Jordan after the Palestinian-Israeli agreement and the Jordanian-Israeli Agenda'' at the Royal Cultural Centre at 5:00 p.m.

Jordan's 3 women candidates explain why they see victory in Nov. elections

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The three women running for the November parliamentary elections are confident of victory because they believe that the electorate has changed its outlook on women becoming deputies and participating in political life since the last general elections.

The three candidates, Toujan Faisal, Janet Mufti and Nadia Bushnaq, regretted that the number of women running for the current parliamentary elections had decreased three-fold over the 1989 elections (from 12 to 3) and, they said, that people were not as enthusiastic about the process as they were

They said the recent developments in the region and

in the last elections.

the change in the Election Law might not be desirable factors in their favour. But, the three candidates, who all ran for the 1989 elections and lost, insisted that this time it is different.

"I feel I am going to win," said Nadia Bushnaq, candidate for one of the four Muslim seats out of six in Zarqa which is being contested by 53 other candidates (in the 1989 elections, Ms. Bushnaq got 2,602 votes, finishing 21st among 60 candidates running

for six scats). "It is trué that Zarqa is considered one of the difficult constituencies for an easy victory, but I believe that women are now more mature with respect to knowing their rights and in regard to women's participation in voting and running as candi-

Ms. Bushnaq, who is president of the General Union of Jordanian Women-Zarqa Branch, said she mostly depends on the wide popular base she has established during her 20 years of work among Zarqa residents and in the rural and poor areas.

"I don't have that great a number of relatives that would be considered tribal or family support," said Ms. Bushnaq, who has also headed several women's charitable societies and has been a human rights activist. "I don't belong to a political party or have specific affiliations ... all I depend on is the reputation I earned through

my work with the people." The two other candidates, Touian Faisal and Janet Mufti. both competing for the Circassian seat in Amman's Third District, also believe and they are optimistic that the next parliament is going to include at least one woman. But both dismissed the notion that competing for the same seat lessens their chances of winning. "I have my own popular

base that I depend on ... whether my rival is a man or a woman, makes no difference," said Ms. Faisal who obtained 1,324 votes in the 1989 elections when she ran for the Amman's Fifth District, finishing 41st). "I know it is either me or

Toujan," Ms. Mufti said. "She (Ms. Faisal) was supposed to run in the Fifth District, but because of lack of coordination, we ended up competing for the same

Nevertheless, both candidates have great expecta-

For Ms. Faisal, her optim-. ism is based on what she describes as the recent loss of public confidence in Islamic movements compared with four years ago. The Islamists' attempts to tarnish her image by accusing her of being an apostate ended in failure. according to Ms. Faisal, in a reference to the apostasy and atheism case "fundamentalists" filed against her in Octo-

that time. Ms. Faisal said, that incident had broadened her views on how to go about campaigning in the coming

ber 1989, but that was re-

jected by the Islamic Court at

"This time I have more experience and more confidence to enter elections," she said, "I have passed through the most difficult situation

when I received death threats ... I think I can pass through this experience with more confidence and determination now.

Ms. Faisal, who said she had more hopes of winning than last time, said she depends mostly on her social and political activities as well as on her background as a "fighter." an audacious speaker and defender of people's rights.

She said that depending on her connections, friends and sympathisers derives from her having no party affiliation and her disbelief in women's movements and women lead-

ers in the country.
"I did not and I do not depend on women's votes as such since women's movements and women leaders do not have the power to convince their husbands or their children to vote for them," she maintained Janet Mufti, who was a late

decider on whether to run or

not, said that her basic platform is women. Like Ms. Faisal and Ms. Bushnaq. Ms. Mufti hopes that she would reap the fruits

of her continuous work in the field of women's rights and social issues in these elections. "Women should realise

that they have to make women reach parliament," said Ms. Mufti (who obtained 2,604 votes in the 1989 elections, finishing 9th among 55 candidates). "I am very disappointed that there are only three women candidates this time, which is a bad sign ... but seeing people's reactions around me and in the street

(with regard to women's participation), I am more hope-

ful this time." Women activists who refrained from entering the elections battle this time, including those who ran for the 1989 elections and those who earlier this year said they would nominate themselves, believe that the current situation in the country is still unfavourable to women.

President of the Women's Union in Jordan (WUJ) Asma Khader said the nature of elections this year and the tribal character it has taken discouraged her from running

for elections. She also cited "the split witnessed in the women's novement in Jordan and the lack of a unified stand among women" as other obstacles to her participating as a candi-

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Defusing the keg

JEWISH SETTLERS in the West Bank and in Gaza, or at least many of them, must prepare for leaving the occupied Palestinian territories. This was essentially the message that came out from both Palestinian and Israeli leaders this week. Nabil Shaath, the influential Palestinian negotiator and the head of the Palestinian delegation to the Taba talks, told an Israeli newspaper, the Jerusalem Post, three days ago thot the Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip would not be welcome there for long. Although Sha'ath confined himself to talking about the Gaza settlements, he and other Palestinian and Arab leaders would press for removing settlers from all occupied Arab territories, whether in the West Bank or Gaza. What Shaath apparently has in mind is that once Gaza comes under PLO control, the Palestinian leadership would need Gaza, one of the most populated regions on Earth, and consequently it cannot accommodate both Palestinians and Jews. Tension between the two communities has been at the centre of the developments of the last few years, especially that the disparity between the two peoples is starkingly obvious. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his police force will have a less tedious task to ensure stability and security without the explosive mixture of Hamas' and radical settlers.

On the wider context of a comprehensive and lasting settlement of the conflict and the Palestine issue, the continued existence of settlements in the West Bank, Gaza or the Golan will be like nourishing the roots of a future conflict, given the scarcity of land and water and the understanding that the displaced Palestinians of 1967 who number several hundred thousands will eventually have to return to the West Bank and Gaza in accordance with the Sept. 13 agreement for Palestinian self-rule.

In this vein, the remarks made by Israeli Minister Shulamit Aloni on Friday are comforting indeed. Ms. Aloni has advised her fellow ministers not to raise the hopes of settlers by continuously repeating that settlers have nothing to fear.

Settlements have always been and will continue to be impediments to peace. Their evacuation and dismantling will neither be easy nor imminent. But a declaration of intent and planning for an eventual surrender of all Palestinian land to the Palestinians, outlining a practical mechanism — Palestinians buying of settler homes, for instance — is the best option to defuse the powder keg.

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THERE CAN be no peace without Syria and there can be room only for a just and comprehensive peace in this region, said Al Ra'l daily Monday in commenting on the Clinton administration's Middle East coordinator's new tour of the region. Two years have passed, with Israel procrastinating and stalling over any progress along the Syrian and the Lebanese tracks, simply because the United States has been totally biased towards the Jewish state, supporting its views and policies, said the daily. Israel has displayed its intransigence and continues to reject calls for withdrawals from Lebanese and Syrian territories, in implementation of U.N. resolutions, Washington is fully aware of this situation, continued the paper. It said that Dennis Ross's tour, which starts in Cairo Monday, is aimed at stimulating the peace process and creating the opportune atmosphere for U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's coming shuttle diplomacy in the region. But such moves on the part of Mr. Ross and Mr. Christopher clearly show that peace process is facing difficulties and obstacles and that there is urgent need for strenuous efforts to overcome them, added the paper. It is important for the peace sponsor to make such moves, but what is more important is playing the effective role to ensure results, it argued. What is required, it said, is pressure from Washington on Israel to accept and implement U.N. resolutions in full.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday described the United States as a warmonger whose military establishment and military manufacturers are bent on causing sufferings for mankind. Bader Abdul Haq said that the Iraqi people are made to suffer at the hands of the Americans who continue to impose sanctions, depriving the innocent people of medi-cine and food. Jordan and the Jordanians are made to suffer through a siege imposed on international shipping in Aqaba while the Libyans are subjected to some degree of sanction by the United States and its allies, he said. With American help and banking, the Israelis have brought untold sufferings on the Palestinian people since 1948 and perpetuating their aggression on the Arabs and their occupation of Arab land, added the writer. He said that United States is also to be held responsible for the sufferings of other nations, like North Korea and the unfortunate South African people. He said that history will not be respectful of these actions which are based or armongering and repression and which entail injustice, racian and colonialism.

The View From Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

Norman, Oliver, Michael, Ella and 200 million dancing Arabs

Since the end of the cold war, many people in the United States have been working hard to provide a global context or framework that would explain the relationships among different countries and cultures. Several possibilities were proposed and discarded. The two most important were the model of trilateral economic competition among the U.S., Europe and Japan, and Fuyukama's "end of history" concept that saw all people moving towards the West's model of free market democracy.

More recently, these concepts have been overtaken by a more complex but disturbing theory suggested by the noted American scholar Samuel Huntington, to the effect that cultural clashes and conflicts between different civilisations will mark the next stage in global conflict. He suggests that Islamic and Confucian cultures are the two most likely

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adversaries for western culture

This "clash of civilisations" theory is intriguing, though we will have to wait years or decades to find out if it is correct. I am not convinced that Huntington is correct, for I suspect that he is falling into the same trap of intellectual and cultural arrogance that defines much of American civilisation today—the apparent need to affirm the supremacy of American culture and to defend it against foreign foes, whether those foes are real or imaginary.

There is nothing inherently incompatible between, say, American and Arab cultures, or, on a broader scale, between western and Islamic civilisations. The opposite is true; Arab and American cultures share many values and their people are drawn to one another spontaneously and naturally when they interact in a non-exploitative and mutually respectful context.

The tendency for Arabs and Americans to clash these days is a consequence of modern history and not of intrinsic incompatibilities. In a very general manner, Arabs feel threatened by the United States because it has been Israel's main supporter and it has traditionally backed autocratic Arab regimes that have degraded the humanity and the quality of life of the average Arab. •

The combination of the United States' policies and its aggressive manner of projecting American culture around the world probably makes the clash of civilisations inevitable. It is fascinating but problematic to note why Americans engaged in peacemaking or humanitarian missions should elicit the anger

and bullets of people in places such as Somalia and Haiti. Clearly, there is something about the projection of U.S. culture to policies abroad that evokes anger, resentment, hostility and fear in the minds of other cultures. We need to understand the reasons for this fact, so that it can be avoided in future situations where U.S. participation in peacemaking could be very useful. We should assess this "clash of civilisations" phenomenon much more carefully, otherwise an intriguing intellectual theory may quickly turn into a self-

fulfilling prophecy.

I would suggest that the problem is not one of different civilisations, but a much more simple problem of economic disparities and the politics of humiliation, with a little bit of old fashioned racism and double standards thrown in.

Most Arabs are very attracted to American culture and quickly embrace many of its materialistic aspects, but at the same time they express anger at American policies in this region. The pervasive bitterness and occasional violence directed by Arabs at the United States are not statements of cultural preferences, but of political self-defence. The same Arabs who may be hurling insults at American foreign policy may be trying to secure an immigrant visa to live in the United States. Many Arabs who shake their fists at Uncle Sam wear Chicago Bulls T-shirts and Los Angeles Raiders caps. The reality is that we like American culture, but we dislike American foreign policy as we have experienced it since mid-century.

The central, defining attribute of American culture is individualistic consumerism—the production, marketing and consumption of useful and useless commodities as a means of creating wealth and improving people's living standards. American policy in this region and elsewhere in the world aims ultimately to serve this single commercial imperative, by assuring access to raw materials and new markets. If this means destroying Iraq, winking at democracy's demise in Algeria, cultivating neo-pharaonic autocrats on a lower Nile or pestering Islamist/military alliances on the u learning in the or in Iran, then all this and more will be done to a lower Nile East that responds to American commercial

It is interesting to note that the Chinese and French governments are also fighting back against the threat of cultural domination by the United States and its example of rampant consumerism — in their cases, by opposing unchecked penetration of their societies by American films, TV shows, satellite transmissions and other forms of electronic media and entertainment. The French and Chinese, like the Arabs, enjoy the blessings of a strong and distinct cultural identity that is satisfying to them and that they do not want to sacrifice on the altar of double cheeseburgers, refrigerators that speak to you or sneakers that shine in the dark.

The profound sense of security and identity that individuals enjoy in Arab culture is in stark contrast to the alienation, fears and vulnerabilities that many individuals suffer in American culture. In this respect and others, there are very deep differences between Arab and American civilisation; and the resentment that largely defines Arab attitudes to the U.S. reflects a fear that our way of life may have to give way to theirs. This is a humiliating prospect to many Arabs who already feel bitter because of the U.S.'s pro-Israeli policy and its traditional support for autocratic Arab/Islamic leaderships.

The idea of our being transformed into a huge new market for dog food and low-fat milkshakes is not one that generates much excitement around here — especially in the wake of our modern experience at the receiving end of U.S. double standards in international law, implementing U.N. resolutions, promoting democracy and safeguarding human rights. The fact that most Arabs who oppose U.S. policy are relatively poor reflects the economic dimension to the alleged clash of civilisations. I don't see many oil-producing princes clashing away with the West in their Mercedeses and Cadillacs, but I do see a confrontational posture among many poor Arabs who have gotten poorer in the last decade.

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the inevitable consequence of the last half-century of western exploitation and interference in our region. It would be intellectually sloppy and historically false, therefore, to explain the current confrontations in terms of clashing civilisations, when they are primarily the consequence of past injustices resulting from biased, self-serving and often imperialistic western policies.

The clash of civilisations theory is appealing to Americans who seek new explanations for the hostility and resentment they seem to encounter in most parts of the world. Instead of seeking answers in the particularities of other cultures, Americans would do well to explore the faults in their own. The rest of the world is not telling Americans to go away and take their culture with them. It is telling Americans: we like the egalitarian, the productive and the fun elements in your culture, but we dislike the arrogance and provincialism that are a consequence of the triumph of materialistic and individualistic commercialism over communal humanism. Keep Norman Schwartzkopf and Oliver North for yourself and send us Michael Jordan or Ella Fitzgerald, and then watch our two civilisations interact; not only they not clash, but they will dance and sing together, they will learn from and enjoy one another, as happens naturally between friends who respect one another.

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South Africans see Nobel as incentive, not reward

By Brendan Boyle Reuter

CAPE TOWN — South Africans see the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to ANC leader Nelson Mandela and President F. W. de Klerk as an incentive rather than a reward.

The prize, announced in Oslo on Friday, should help ensure that Mr. Mandela and Mr. de Klerk, the two most powerful men in South Africa, stand firm against political violence and do not give up their work for a peaceful transition to democracy, they say.

"This Nobel prize should be

"This Nobel prize should be seen as a supreme incentive to seek peace ...with renewed vigour," said an Afrikaner columnist who uses the pseudonym Dawie in the news-

paper Die Burger.

The Nobel committee itself sent the same message. The prize was "a pledge of support for the forces of good, in the hope that the advance towards equality and democracy will reach its goal in the very near future", it said in its citation.

"The Nobel Peace Prize is not a declaration of sainthood," added Francis Sejersted, the head of the com-

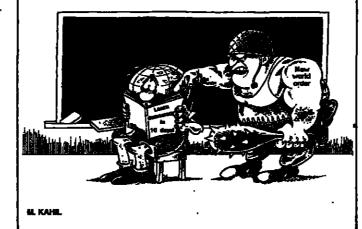
More than 11,000 people have been killed in political conflict in South Africa since Mr. de Klerk released Mr. Mandela from prison in February 1990 and began to dismantle apartheid.

The average death rate, mainly in the black townships where people hope to vote for the first time in April, is running at the unprecedented level of about 18 a day.

The government attributes the carnage to a political turf war between the African National Congress (ANC) and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party

dom Party.

Mr. Mandela says antidemocratic forces, run or condoned by Mr. de Klerk's white
government, are stirring it up.



Willie Esterhuyse, political analyst at the University of Stellenbosch, said that while neither man had done much on the ground to stem violence, their efforts towards democracy were the best possible contribution to peace.

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"I don't think the peace prize will have much effect at grassroots. I'm not even sure many people there (in the townships) know what it is or what it stands for," he added.

Anglican Archbishop De-

what it stands for," he added.
Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said the Nobel
Peace Prize he won in 1984
gave blacks hope amidst the
worst repression of all the four
decades of apartheid.

But its main effect was to focus world attention on apartheid and open doors abroad for its foes, rather than to inspire impoverished black South Africans to seek peace.

Mr. Mandela said the 1993 award underlined his and Mr. de Klerk's obligation to fight even harder to turn the tide of violence.

"I ...pledge that in whatev-

spare no effort to bring peace, freedom and justice for all to South Africa," he said.

Mr. de Klerk told a news conference the award recognised the progress made to-

er time remains to me, I will

wards democracy, which was the route to peace, and posed a challenge to all South African leaders.

"This award ...will serve as an inspiration to me and I hope all other leaders to finalise an accord on which we can base long-term peace and which can ensure long-term stability."

The Argus welcomed the prize, but said in an editorial it was an award made on trust. "It presupposes ...that the awarding of the prize will not become merely a symbol of wishful thinking or the prema-

ture proclamation of success,'

The Cape Town newspaper

the newspaper said.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the third man in South African politics, paid tribute to Mr. Mandela and Mr. de Klerk. But he too said they had still to earn the acco-

"My deepest hope is that this award will strengthen their resolve to act for peace for our beloved country ... for this they will have to ensure that the qualities which the Nobel Peace Prize attempts to reward emerge as the dominating qualities in their lives," he said.

U.S. scholar urges early implementation of Mideast accord

By Norma Holmes

WASHINGTON — One month after the Israeli- Palestinian declaration of principles signing, PLO and Israeli leaders realise there is "no time to waste" in the pursuit of Middle East peace, according to Brookings Institution senior fellow William Quandt.

While noting that pieces of

the peace puzzle are now "ready to fall into place," Mr. Quandt warned of the hazards of delay in implementing the agreement, since the pieces "might not be ready a year from now... we shouldn't bet on the future always turning up better cards than are in hand."

"A lot has already changed... the Arab diplomatic boycott of Israel is eroding as we speak," and Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat have met for the second time," the noted U.S. Mideast scholar told the Women's National Democratic Club, at an Oct. 14 luncheon.

For the U.S. "few foreign policy interests seem higher on the agenda than U.S. Arab-Israeli peace," he said. The United States has long called for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours and democratisation, he added. "There aren't very many places in the world where the U.S. can support its principles while serving its national interests so well.

Mr. Quandt said that it the next six months bring "reasonable implementation" of the accord and movement toward a declaration of principles between Syria and Israel, then "the whole Arab-Israeli conflict is going to look different... it will change into a very different kind of a Middle East where real economic growth begins to be seen."

Countries of the Middle East "paid a huge price" for their historical conflict," Mr. Quandt said. "They have spent

a huge amount of their income on arms, and as a result... the Middle East is much less developed than other regions of the world."

"In normal circumstances, Lebanon, Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan could all expect (to gain) from a peace dividend," he pointed out, citing their educated populace, entrepreneurial talent and "demonstrated capacities for rapid economic growth."

. "There is; no reason we couldn't see an emerging economic common market in the Mediterranean that would be quite impressive," he said.

Mr. Quandt also predicted that peace and economic development would lead to "a transformation in Arab poli-

Providing some interesting background on the Sept. 13 accords, Mr. Quandt said the Israeli-PLO accord was completed in a marathon eighthour telephone call among the principals to the agreement, and while "neither side could get all it wanted," the Israelis agreed for the first time that

Jerusalem be on the agenda.
Negotiations on key issues such as refugees, borders, and the status of Jerusalem were "postponed in the hope that circumstances for settlement would improve in the future," he said. "I'm inclined to think the Palestinians and Israelis negotiating on these and other issues already have discussed them enough to know what will have to be done."

Mr. Quandt, a National Security Council adviser for President Carter at the Camp David Accords, said the two agreements differ widely in the way they were negotiated. At Camp David, he said, after an initial meeting between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the principals never spoke directly until the agreement was completed.

"It took 27 drafts of the accords... before one was finally accepted by both," Mr. Quandt said. In contrast, he noted, the Israelis and Palestinians conducted their own direct negotiations in Oslo.

As for the Syrian track, he commented that "something other than a Norwegian style back channel is going to be needed to spur progress... The nature of our relationship with Israel makes it inevitable that if Israel is going to make certain concessions on the Golan Heights, they are going to have reassurances from us," he said. "I think we (the U.S.) are going to have to engage in a more classic mediation role."

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Responding to questions on controlling U.S. arms sales to the region," Mr. Quandt said that apart from the oil producing states "there aren't very many countries that can afford expensive (military) equipment."

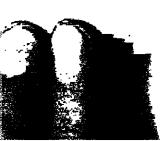
"A political decision" is relative quired by those who face the consequences of heavy arms purchases on unemployment and their key constituencies, he said.

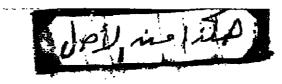
be said.

"I think we have to face up to this as a major political issue. In the post cold war era, we've got to find something else for people to do," he underscored, acknowledging that "some kind of conversion of these industries is going to take time."

Mr. Quandt also pointed out that there: "are legitimate security concerns in the Middle East, and there are going to be cases where we for good reasons are going to want to make some kind of arms sale to some regime."

Ultimately, the biggest contribution the U.S. can make to its own security interests is in supporting "the kind of diplomatic peacemaking I have been talking about." he said—United States Information Agency.





Jobs are leading concern for world youth

By Judith Schoolman Reuter

NEW YORK — The world's youth want to get good jobs so they can buy all the goods they see advertised on television, according to worldwide opinion polls released at the end of September.

In the studies of children's attitudes and how they affect them as consumers, getting a good job is a leading concern for many of the world's youth, who also believe that advertising — particularly on television is the best way to learn about new products and ser-

And, according to the series of studies by public opinion research firm Yankelovich Partners, the majority of youth are looking forward to becoming older teens and adults, despite concerns about war, AIDS and being in a car crash.

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According to the studies of children and young adults, 64 per cent of children in Italy said getting a good job was a leading concern. In the United States, the figure was 61 per cent, 60 per cent in Britain, 36 per cent in Germany and 33 per cent in Japan.

The majority, between 60 and 87 per cent, said they were looking forward to becoming older teenagers or adults, with the exception of Italy, where less than half agreed with the

"Social commentators have drummed into us that today's youth faces greater challenges and has more auxiety about the future than any previous generation," said James Taylor, president of Yankelovich Part-

Guess what? They're kids and have an openness and optimism that we should not misunderstand."

Across the board, children perceived that getting homework done (54-88 per cent) and getting good grades (65-84 per cent) was most important to

their parents. "Children understand that their education is of vital importance to their parents," said Roy Cohen, of Strateq Yankelovich, a subsidiary in Bel-

When asked, 58-80 per cent of children in the United States, Italy, Japan and Britain agreed that "advertising is the best way to find out about new

products and services."

In Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands, children were less likely to admit that advertising influenced their purchasing decisions, with 41-48 per cent agreeing that ads were the best way to find out about new products and services.

However, television is the mode of communications most valued by children, who, according to the survey, watch an average of 2.4 hours every weekday and 3.4 hours per day on weekends. Children in the United States watch an average of 2.8 hours on weekdays and 4 hours on weekends.

Of the countries surveyed, children in Britain watch the most TV - three hours per day during the week and 4.6

hours on weekend days.

A disturbing 21 per cent of
U.S. respondents said they seldom or never read a newspaper on a daily basis.

In contrast, the majority (51-72 per cent) of youth in Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden and Britain said they read a newspaper every day, with 40 per cent of German and Italian youth reading one daily.

Many children have pressing concerns, with AIDS ranking among the top. Eighty-one Per cent in the United States said they were concerned about AIDS, 65 per cent in Germany, 72 per cent in Italy, 39 per cent in Japan, 63 per cent in Netherlands, 57 per cent in Sweden and 65 per cent in

Youth in Sweden (55 per cent) were concerned about having to fight in a war, and being in a car crash (57 per cent), as were 43 per cent of youth in the Netherlands.

American youth were found to be more socially conservative than children from overseas, with less than half (49 per cent) accepting nude beaches, homosexuality (37 per cent) and nudity on television (32

on the other end of the scale, Dutch youth enthusiastically accept nude beaches (96 per cent), nudity on television (92 per cent) and homosexual-ity (97 per cent). The surveys involved at-

home, in-person interviews with over 2,700 youths aged 6 to 17 in Britain, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands and Japan.

U.N. assembly president links peace to development

By Farida Burtis

NEW YORK — United Nations peacekeeping efforts cannot guarantee peace without greater emphasis being placed on creating stable economic and social conditions, notes Samuel Rudolf Insanally of Guyana, president of the recently convened U.N. General Assembly. In an interview shortly after being elected president of the 48th General Assembly, Mr. Insanally said he hopes the 184-nation institution will lay the groundwork for an "agenda for de-velopment" during his pres-

The peacekeeping role of the U.N. has increased dramatically in the last few years. In May 1993, over 80,000 U.N. personnel were deployed in 13 peacekeeping operations around the world, including Somalia and the former Yugos lavia. In June last year, the U.N. secretary-general indicated in a report entitled "Agenda for Peace" that the U.N. has a central role for the resolution and prevention of conflicts following the end of the cold war.

Now is the time to translate the agenda for peace into an agenda for development," said Mr. Insanally, who is also Guyana's ambassador to the U.N. He says it is time for peacekeeping to be "built upon and matched" by developmental matters. "This 🗓 year will be crucial in terms of fleshing out the agenda," he

Greater emphasis on development must be implemented, particularly in what Mr. Insanally calls the "failed states" — countries that have not made significant progress in development for several decades. "Develop-ment is often essential for the elimination of sources of ten-sion and potential conflict."

Mr. Insanally says the General Assembly and the international community have adopted a compartmentalised approach to critical issues of peace and development for too "These are different sides of the same coin," he explained. "They are intercon-

As examples, Mr. Insanally says development is essential for implementation of the historic accord on Palestinian selfrule and for the South African parliamentary decision provid-ing blacks with a role in governing South Africa. When Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress called for lifting economic sanctions soon after the decision of the South African parliament, the U.N. and world governments responded by ending economic sanctions.

Mr. Insanally will serve as president of the General Assembly until September 1994. The assembly will meet in regular session from September to December and

thereafter as necessary. Mr. Insanally was elected president unopposed. The presidency rotates among world regions this year Latin America and the Caribbean nominated candidates for the position.

The new president is in a position to influence the work of the world body, which has more than 150 items on its agenda. The first three weeks will consist of general debate, with speeches made by top government officials on a wide variety of international issues. At least 25 heads of state are scheduled to address the

When asked to comment on e increasing role of the U.N. Security Council compared to that of the General Assembly, Mr. Insanally said the two U.N. organs "cannot be at odds with one another." He added that in areas of peace and security, the General Assembly could complement the work of the Security Coun-

The Security Council has primary responsibility for aintaining peace and secur-. "The U.N. Charter allows the General Assembly to take action in many areas. We need to step back and see how we can maintain balance among the various U.N. organs," Mr. Insanally said.

Environmental issues will also be a priority, particularly if they are linked to development, during Mr. Insanally's presidency. "The link between environment and development has already been established," he said. He added that the momentum of the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development held in Brazil

Mr. Insanally says some small island states are so vulnerable to environmental dangers that their very survival is at stake, "I am speaking as someone from the Caribbean," he said. "We need to encourage the good will of the deeloped countries to make the Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in Barbados next year a success.' Attention to the Caribbean

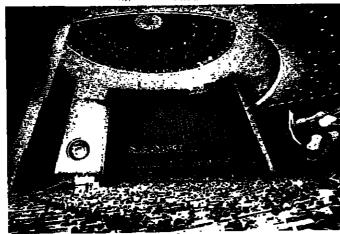
terests, Mr. Insanally added. "There is the desertification problem of Africa and other problems in terms of development with the emergence of South Africa that we really need to focus on."

Mr. Įnsanally says a summit of the General Assembly must take place to "interject some political dynamism" into solutions of economic and social problems. "Many of our institutions are bogged down with rhetoric," he said. The U.N. declaration for international economic cooperation adopted in 1990 "remains a sterile document," he added, noting that he hopes that the 48th Assembly will accelerate the pace of change.

Without encouraging confrontation with any organ or agency, I think the General Assembly, which is the paramount organ of the United Nations, can look at new ways of doing things," the new president said. "It's not business as usual. It's going to be an experimental year, and it's going to be an attempt to see how far international interdependence has reached "

Asked whether the high ideals and objectives for the assembly were possible in light of allegations of U.N. waste, fraud, abuse and patronage made by former top U.N. official and by members of the U.S. Congress, Mr. Insanally said he would strive for "effective procedures to avoid extravagance or waste" and would strive to enhance the efficiency of the General

Mr. Insanally has been Guyana's ambassador to Peru, Venezuela and Ecuador. As ambassador, he participated in the work of such organisations as the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the Caribbean **Development and Cooperation** Committee: and the Latin American Economic System. As deputy permanent representative of Guyana to the U.N. in 1972, he was active in the negotiation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations would not be to the neglect of a Development Decade other countries and other in- ... World News Link.



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Hong Kong youth driven by success, apathetic about political future

By Christopher Hines Agence France Presse

HONG KONG — Susan Cheting, 16, faces the possibility of her world being turned ipside down when Hong Kong is handed over to China less than four years from now. She recognises the ethnic

ties but also feels the uncer-Ms. Cheung, who lives in a public housing estate in the Hong Kong suburb of Shatin, is, like most young people here, well educated, orientated toward a western lifestyle and determined to succeed econo-

mically.

But she is almost apathetic about the current political situation because of what social workers described as a lack of information and democratic tradition.

"This is a fact we must face," Ms. Cheung says, almost casually, of Britain's handover of Hong Kong in 1997. "We may have no freedow?" freedom."

Her view backs up the findings of a survey earlier this year which found that 56 per cent of Hong Kong people in not interested in politics or feel it is useless to participate.

Instead, their priority is to

make money and be successful in the business world, according to polls commissioned by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and conducted over the past few months by the University of Hong Kong

Research Centre. 'What can I do," asks Kenny Chung, 15; another student in Shatin. "I don't think many politicians are very good. They just want to protect their interests. Not many of them can really help the people."

One poll found that while only 35 per cent of youths surveyed believe Hong Kong's political situation will improve in the coming year, about 53 per cent expect their family's standard of living to be better.

All this adds up to the fact that young people here appear little interested in Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten's attempts to increase the number of democratically elected legislators before 1997. An issue that has communist China threatening to break off Siro-British talks on Hong Kong's future.

China has also threatened to dissolve any elected body in Hong Kong when it takes con-

More than 62 per cent of those surveyed said they planned to do nothing to change

"I don't think it's a tradition of the young people to partici-pate in politics," said Joice Pang, a researcher with youth federation. "They feel helpless, as if their fate has been left in the hands of others.'

Silvia Ng, director of a Shatin youth centre, says the British have ruled Hong Kong for more than 150 years and only near the end did they start to establish democratic institu-

Civic classes were incorpo-rated into the school curriculum in Hong Kong only recently, she said, and there was "no way for them (students) to speak about politics."

I think it would have been better if we had started ear-

lier," Ng said. Having tucked their fears away and accepting the inevitable, the youth of Hong Kong are much like their Chinese counterparts, determined to drive ahead economically and put aside thorny political issues such as freedom of speech, artistic expression and community activism.

About 78 per cent of the youth see the opening of China's economy to Hong Kong as a major factor in their future prosperity, according to the

A minority of Hong Kong's youth, the children of the more affluent, have been able to establish the right to residence in other countries, giving them a passport and an escape in case the aftermath of 1997 goes

One real estate agent in his early 20s, who preferred to remain anonymous, said he migrated to Canada with his family in 1984 out of fear when Britain agreed to turn over the colony of more than six million residents to China.

But he has since returned, discouraged by Canada's weak economy and missing his friends and home.

"This is where I can make money," he says. "I don't think China will do anything

Jay Tse, 25, an electrical engineering, student, said he has no money and must stay in Hong Kong, for better or

The world is not safe as a whole. It's not only Hong Kong. It's a global problem, he says, before adding that one British precedent does worry

"History tells us that when Britain pulls out of a colony, it leaves behind a lot of prob-



Upgrading the infrastructure: The affluent living of Hong Kong residents makes them, and especially the youth, anothetic about

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European equity | Copper prices tumble markets surge to fresh records

LONDON (R) - European equity markets raced to record highs Monday as renewed buying by U.S. funds and hopes for lower European interest rates boosted prices.

Markets in London, Frankfurt and Amsterdam hit new highs, with the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100 index of leading British shares up 21.3 points, 0.68 per cent, to 3,142.1 by 1130 GMT, after breezing past Friday's record . finish of 3,120.8 from the

opening.
"It looks set fair for most of the markets in Europe to continue to head into the unknown," said Marcus Grubb, strategist at U.S. investment house Salomon Bros in Lon-

The German DAX index at midday was up 23, or 1.13 per cent, at 2,038.03 after touching a new high of 2,043.43 earlier. Shares in Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, France and Sweden also gained, although Belgian shares were mixed af-

ter hitting a record Friday. Traders said there appeared to be continued buying from the U.S., which has been a major factor behind the gains this autumn in markets worldwide, as U.S. mutual investment funds look for a home for vast sums of American savings.

Possibly as much as \$2 or \$3 billion a month has been coming into U.K. and European bond and equity markets and shows no sign of slowing," said Mr. Grubb.

He estimated some \$180 billion in new cash had flowed into U.S. mutual funds this

had greatly increased the proportion of their investment out-

side the U.S. Strategists said further reaction to Friday's U.S. consumer price data, which showed the economic recovery there had brought no inflationary pressure, and hopes of easier credit policy in Europe helped fuel the markets.

Investors are hoping for a further cut in German interest rates, possibly on Thursday when the Bundesbank council

And in Britain, economists expect Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to offset any increases in taxes in his budget statement on Nov. 30 with an interest rate easing, so as not to threaten the country's fragile recovery from recession.

Even without interest rate cuts, sharp falls in European currencies such as the Belgian franc and Spanish peseta, have already led to easier trading conditions for some continental European companies.

Traders said the fierce pace of the British market's rise had worried some participants, but its underlying strength was enough to banish the annual bout of nerves prompted by the anniversary of the October 1987 stock market crash.

There is a tremendous suspicion the market may have gone too fast, but no one wants to sell," said one senior trader at a London brokerage.

The gains in Europe followed a further three per cent surge on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Monday.

Japan urges U.S. to boost exports, competitiveness

suggestions about ways to boost American exports and competitiveness, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) officials said Mon-

day.

The call to the Americans to improve their trade performance coincided with the announcement of a colossal Japanese trade surplus for the firt half of fiscal 1993, begin-

ning April 1.
The MITI officials told a news conference they had held talks with U.S. government officials as part of continuing

broad-based trade discussions. The meeting was based on the understanding that a recovery in global U.S. competitiveness would be the key to solving trade problems between

the two countries, they said. On Monday, Japan's finance ministry announced that the

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TOKYO (R) — Japan has country's customs-cleared given U.S. officials specific trade surplus had widened to an unadjusted \$60.07 billion in the fiscal first half from \$52.13 billion in the same period a year earlier.

It said Japan's trade surplus with the United States widened to an unadjusted \$23.97 billion in the April-September period from \$21.04 billion a year ear-

The huge surplus has spurred trade friction between the two countries in various indus-

Japan suggested that the United States pour more capital spending into both public and private sectors. It said Washington should consider introducing financial and tax incentives to spur American companies.

Japan also suggested that the United States train more engineers and assign more staff to

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by Henri Arnold

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By Harris

LONDON (R) — Copper prices fell sharply Monday and analysts said the future for the metal's producers remained bleak as output and stocks far outweighed demand.

The price for forwarddelivery copper slumped to \$1.667 a tonne at one stage. down \$30 from Friday's closing levels, and within a whisker of last month's six-year lows of

"The recovery of the last week or so was merely a mirage ... you've still got all the same old bearish factors around," one dealer said. The price has been heading

down since London Metal Exchange (LME) authorities defused an attempted squeeze on the market, in the process pushing the metal \$100 lower in a few days. This brought the market down to much more realistic levels given the oversupply of metal and slow demand, analysts said.

Copper is a key industrial metal and one of the world's most actively traded commod-

"I see no reason for copper prices to improve for some months yet," Stephen Briggs of Metals and Minerals Research Services s. d.

ped up artificially, appeared to ride out the prolonged recession while prices of other nonferrous metals fell. Some, such as aluminium, zinc and lead, fell to levels well below their cost of production, forcing much of the industry to close

down or cut output. Now that the manipulation has ended copper faces further price falls, analysts said.

Stocks are high. LME ware-houses now hold 601,250 tonnes of copper, near the highest levels for 15 years and almost double the figure two years

"We are going to see further

increases in stocks, as we have

had no (production) cutbacks to speak of," Mr. Briggs said. Even though the price has fallen so abruptly, about twothirds of the world's copper producers can still make a profit either because of successful cost-cutting or because they managed to sell forward their production at the once-higher

"Some of the other metals may have bottomed out, but copper is still looking sick ... it (the price) should be down to 70 cents/lb (\$1,543/tonne) or

Friedman tells China: Cut loose, go for silver

HONG KONG (AFP) - China should go back to the silver standard and throw financial controls to the winds, the Nobel prize-winning father of monetarism, Milton Friedman, said Monday.

But at the same time, Dr. Friedman said, China needs to exert "discipline" over the growth of its money supply which an influential senior official of China's central bank conceded had slipped out of control in the past year.

Speaking at a seminar on monetary policy here. Dr. Friedman said China was the last country to go off the silver standard — in 1935 and join the growing ranks of nations which delinked their currencies from precious

"In terms of the history of China, what would have the greatest hold on the people of China — what would be most popular — would be silver standard," said Dr. Friedman, who visits China later this week.

He also said China - still moving fitfully towards what it even lower," Mr. Briggs said. | calls a "socialist market eco-

creation of the Palestinian

National Authority last week to rule the West Bank and

Gaza Strip during the five-year

interim self-rule period envis-aged in the PLO-Israeli peace

PLO Chairman Yasser Ara-

fat will head the authority,

which will take over as Israeli

troops withdraw from the Gaza

Strip and the West Bank town

of Jericho starting from Dec.

Mr. Ghossein said the au-

thority was due to set up a

body this week to channel fore-

ign aid for reconstruction and

development after 26 years of

deposited in banks which plan

to open in the West Bank and

Foreign aid funds would be

Israeli occupation.

nomy" - was "well advised" to have a free exchange rate for its renminbi yuan currency. "It ought to eliminate capital controls, exchange controls, and allow the Chinese yuan to

float freely versus other currencies," he said. "But you also have to have a system under which you have internal discipline with the amount of yuan that is pro-

duced," he added. Chen Yuan, a vice governor of the People's Bank of China, said Beijing would drop its dual exchange rate system as early as next year as part of a sweeping programme of finan-cial reforms.

"Possibly next year," Mr. Chen said when asked at the seminar - organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authorwhen China's official exchange rate might be

scrapped.

The yuan is officially fixed at around 5.80 per U.S. dollar, but on nationwide swap markets — which account for 85 per cent of all forex deals the rate is hovering around 8.70. Mr. Chen said.

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already decided in 1988 that we

will constitute a confederation.

Such a confederation has to be

between two independent states," he added. "We will

also cooperate with Egypt,

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throughout China, are used mainly by state and Sino-foreign enterprises, leaving individuals - both foreigners and Chinese — to buy and sell at the steeper official rate or resort to the black market.

Beijing is under pressure from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to float the yuan as soon as possible as a condition for membership to the 116-nation

world trading body.

Mr. Chen, the son of Chen Yun, the Communist Party elder who conceived China's centrally planned economy, conceded there had been a "massive issue" of cash in the past year as economic growth zoomed into the double-digit

China's economy is forecast to grow by 13 per cent this

But the banker said that since July, when Vice Premier Zhu Rongji took over as central bank governor, the growth rate in Mi — or banknotes, coins and checking accounts—had dropped by 13.7 per cent, according to September data.

The next stage of financial reforms is expected to be finalised next month during a plenary session of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee, political analysts

Dr. Friedman won the Nobel price for economics in 1976 for his "Chicago school" theories.

Unemployment is biggest fear of Europeans, says poll

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Twothirds of people in the European Community (EC) believe that unemployment is the big-gest problem facing the Community, according to a survey published here Monday by the European Commission.

Unemployment was placed top of the list of problems by per cent of those polled, followed by nationalism and currency instability (10 per cent each), and inflation (nine per cent).

The poil was conducted throughout the 12-member EC by EOS Gallup Europe. It said that 46 per cent of self-employed people were worried about ending up in the unemployment lines — a fear shared by 43 per cent of employees.

About two-thirds of the respondents were against cutting unemployment benefits as a way of reducing costs and creating new jobs. A similar

percentage favoured tax cuts.
But 57 per cent said they
would pay higher taxes if this
would bring down the unemployment rate, which currently stands at 10.4 per cent. According to official estimates, this rate will rise beyond 12 per cent next year.

Some 83 per cent said im-proved education and vocational training was the best way to create jobs. But only 22 per cent said they had followed training courses while at work over the last five years.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The three Moon sextiles to Saturn, Jupiter and the Sun brings pleasant temperments and kinder dispositions, and we gain by keeping things practical, neat and orderly. We feel more con-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Progressive friends are in the mood to give you some new ideas that can be helpful to you for sometime to come and later consider them carefully.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Discuss with influential persons and experts how to increase your

worldly standing in your com-munity but later use care in any business ventures. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You have some original new ideas by which to make your

fond dreams come true but don't try to put them into effect too hastily or you lose out. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Private investigations into what you can do to be more current in your outlet can bring better results than if you hold too

tightly to the past. LEO: (July 22 to August 21)
Consider well what some extraordinary and unsual persons
can do to aid you to greater
worldly acclaim and then sit back
and think over your part.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) If you have some modern means by which you can better achieve the results you desire at

any activities this is the day to decide upon but not to put into motion yet.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo ber 22) You have an element of good fortune early in the day in any risks or special outlets you nt in the days ahead but later analyse how far you have prog-

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A discussion at home may not seem to be taking trend you wish but you have possibilities to later solve this ssue to everyones advantage.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is the day from you can have an original stance which can bring the possibility for real advancement for

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Look at your properfrom an objective angle and think about what private information you can get to increase and to enhance its value.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Your most unique talents of a personal nature can now be expressed with the assistance of a good friend who is very direct in stating his/her view

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have an unusual idea what to do to show your worldly acumen so let a bigwig quietly know what that is and sit back and let conditions work out,

PLO official: Palestine will be a new Singapore in the region

"financial minister" said Monday that Palestinians planned to use the free market to transform the West Bank and Gaza Strip into a Middle East version of East Asia's booming

dragon economies. "Palestine will be a new Singapore in the region,' Jawid Al Ghossein, head of the Palestine National Fund and a PLO executive committee member, told Reuters in an

The private sector, he said, would be the engine that would drive the Palestinian economy. State intervention would be limited to a handful of non-

"It is agreed now that the Palestinian economy will be open and free, and the state will intervene the minimum and only in a few arenas," he "All the activities which are profitable will go to the private sector, which is better able to

manage them than the state ... (and) which of course will pay taxes to the state." He spoke of "all services like telecommunications, railroads." Mr. Ghossein said that to encourage the private sector, the Palestinians planned a bank specialising in loans to

small businesses. Large firms

would have access to foreign capital. He said that foreign invesment, mainly from Arab countries and international markets would be welcome, and he did not exclude Israel from such cooperation "once confidence is established on the basis of iustice.

Mr. Ghossein, referring to reports of a proposal to form a holding company including Israeli firm Koor Industries, the PLO, Banesto of Spain and Morocco's ONA (Omnium Nord Africain), linked future cooperation with Israel "to Israeli withdrawal from the Arab occupied territories including East Jerusalem and establishing a just peace."

But he said such a company could have capital of \$60 million and raise \$100 million to \$150 million from Arab and world markets to invest in the territories under Palestinian

"I hope that wisdom prevails and the area will go into an era of just peace and confidence building to make any economic cooperation welcome by all sides." he said.

Asked to comment on a European Community call for a common market in the Middle East, Mr. Ghossein said: "If there is confidence and Arab rights are restored, it will

be possible to transform the zion into a common market. ney (the Israelis) are a people who want to live as we do. But justice is the basis for any future cooperation." An international donors

conference in Washington on Oct. 1 pledged \$2 billion for the next five years — \$600 million for 1994 — for implementation of the self-rule accord signed by Israel and the

PLO on Sept. 13. The PLO agreed on the

which was responsible for the Gaza Strip. He said the authority, com-Gaza Strip" before its occupation by Israel in 1967. posed of Palestinian exiles or Balladur defends austere

French monetary policy PARIS (R) — Prime Minister Mr. Balladur told TFI televifended his tight money policy, adding that French monetary authorities would cut interest rates as far as possible to ease recession, but would not compromise wider goals.

His policy came under fire again last week from currency markets, which pushed the franc to an all-time low against the mark Friday. Many investors believe France must soon slash the cost of borrowing to try to ease record unemploy-

rates had already fallen considerably in recent months. 'As and when circumstances allow it, within reason, without compromising anything, we will continue if it is necessary," he said.

He appeared to be sticking to a strategy of lowering rates as far as possible to help boost the economy, as long as the exercise did not weaken the franc's value. A strong currency has been a key plank in French economic policy.

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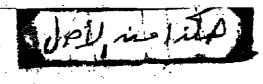


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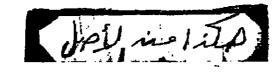






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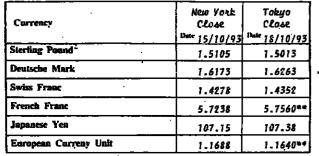
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Deutsche Mark	6.68	6.56	6.25	5.81
Swiss Franc	4.31	4.31	4.12	3.93
French Franc	6.87	6.81	6.50	6.00
Japanese Yen	2.46	2.43	2.40	2.34
European Currency Unit	7.37	7.31	6.93	6.43

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French Franc	0.1200	0.1206
Japanese Yen	0.6440	0.6472
Dutch Guilder	0.3781	0.3800
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GCC official says Arab Gulf common market faces problems

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Wealthy Gulf Arab states are still facing problems in their attempts to create a common market although they approved the project nearly 12 years ago, according to a senior Gulf official.

Abdullah Al Quwaiz, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) assistant secretary general for economic affairs, said the 1980-1988 war between Iran and Iraq and the sharp decline in oil prices had adversely affected such attempts.

"We should not ignore other obstacles which have persisted, including the long distances between population concentrations in the region and the nature of GCC exports which necessitated strong economic ties with industrial states while inter-GCC trade has remained limited." Sheikh Quwaiz said in a study, "Economic integration also requires that the pro-

ductive bases in member states should complement rather than compete with each other. This is negatively affecting the moves towards integration."

GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — signed an economic agreement a year after they created their alliance in 1981 with the ultimate goal of setting up a common market. The accord stipulates free

movement of individuals, unifving customs tariffs on foreign imports, establishing a currency union, linking their stock markets and removing customs barriers among GCC coun-The six members have set

the year 2000 as a deadline for

the common market but ex-

perts doubt it would see light

on time as little progress has

been made despite hundreds of

Customs tariffs and exchange rates still widely vary, stock markets remained apart and barriers in the region persisted. Such barriers, coupled

with similarity in GCC exports
- mostly oil and gas - have kept trade among members below 10 per cent of their total trade of around \$100 billion a

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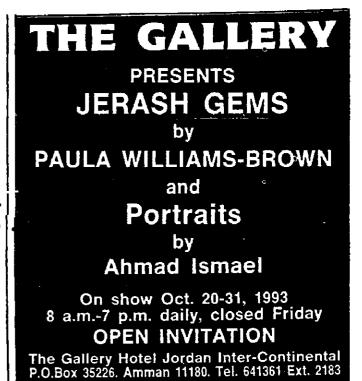
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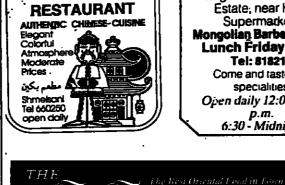
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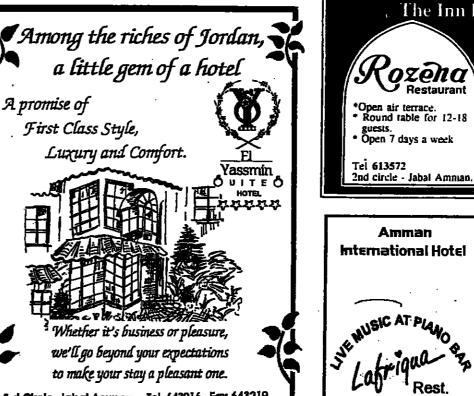
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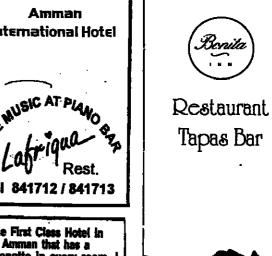
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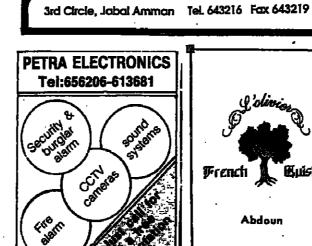






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Besieged Muslim militants in Kashmir shrine remain defiant

SRINAGAR (Agencies) — Scores of Muslim militants and civilians remained holed up inside Kashmir's holiest shrine without food and electricity Monday, refusing to surrender to the Indian army surrounding the building.

In another development, paramilitary troops fired 12 tear gas shells Monday to disperse an angry crowd of about 100 students and civilians protesting against the army siege.

Intermittent gunfire could be heard in the area for 20 minutes after the troops chased away the protestors from a field adjacent to a college campus in Srinagar, but it was not immediately clear who was firing. Also there were no reports of any injuries.

It was the first violent clash between Kashmiri civilians and the security forces since the standoff at the Hazratbal Mosque started late Friday. On Monday, two senior offi-

cials held fresh talks with the militants for one hour, but reported little success. They are not coming for-

ward with any clear-cut proposal or offer. We hope they tell us what they want," said Mehmood Rahman, the No. 2 official in the state bureaucra-

ey. He said the militants told the government negotiators — Police Inspector-General Ashok Kumar Suri and Divisional Commissioner Wahjat Habibullah — to come back later Monday for more talks, which on the previous two occasions have been held on

the front steps to the shrine. The siege is one of the most serious confrontations between Indian security forces — who are mostly Hindus — and the

Wounded

Bosnians

evacuated

SARAJEVO (AFP) — Scores of seriously wounded Muslims

have been evacuated from

southern and central Bosnia-

Herzegovina ahead of a plan-

ned exchange of thousands of

Croat and Muslim prisoners,

and Croats continued in both

regions as U.N. helicopters

flew the wounded Sunday to

Muslim-controlled Zenica, in

central Bosnia, and Split, on

vehicles seized from the U.N.

Protection Force (UNPRO-

FOR) meanwhile, remained in

the hands of the Bosnian gov-

ernment army Monday, de-

spite a personal bid to negoti-

ate their release by UNPRO-

FOR Commander Jean Cot,

UNPROFOR spokesman Bill

General Cot came to the

Bosnian capital Sunday after

the vehicles were seized Satur-

day shortly after they rescued

six U.N. observers from an

area exposed to heavy shelling.

Muslim Bosnian army's 1st

Mountain Brigade based

southeast of Sarajevo seized

the vehicles with the men in them, then released the men

later. One of the vehicles was

died down since Sunday, he

said, adding that 19 shells hit

by UNPROFOR, evacuated 39

wounded Muslims from Mos-

tar in the south Sunday, taking

them to Zenica in central Bos-

Meanwhile, 52 wounded

Croat troops were brought out

of Nova Bila, in central Bos-

nia, to be hospitalised in

On Tuesday, a two-day pris-

As the wounded were being

oner swap is to begin involving

evacuated from eastern Mos-

tar, Bosnian Croat forces kept

up heavy shelling of that part

of town. The Croats have

For the Muslims Mostar is

the only access to the sea, 60

kilometres away, while for the

up to 7,000 detainees.

weapons superiority

Croatia.

the city late Sunday.

The shelling of Sarajevo had

Muslims and Croats, aided

armed with a machinegun.

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Aikman said here.

Fighting between Muslims

U.N. sources said Monday.

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Muslims of Kashmir. Many Kashmiris support the ongoing guerrilla war for the secession of the overwhelmingly Muslim state of Jammu-Kashmir from the predominantly Hindu In-

Srinagar, the scenic summer capital of the Himalayan state. is the centre of the insurgency that flared up in 1989 and that has cost about 7,500 lives.

Th Hazratbal Mosque, a domed, white marble building on the edge of Srinagar's Dal Lake, houses what is believed to be a hair from the Prophet Mohammad. The relic is so holy that its brief disappearance 20 years ago sparked a week of rioting.
"We are very hungry. I have

not eaten anything since yesterday," said a 12-year-old boy who gave his name only as Ejaz. He was contacted by telephone in the mosque.

Other people who talked with the Associated Press on the phone said they ran out of food Sunday after living on the handful of rice that had remained in a bowl where devotees traditionally deposit their offering to the mosque. Water and electricity to the shrine were cut off earlier.

"Any demand received from them or any necessities that the people need will receive any consideration," said Mr. Rahman, the additional chief secretary of Jammu-Kashmir.

Ejaz, who said he lives near Hazratbal, had come to the shrine Friday along with a few other boys when the siege started.

Police say 60 armed rebels were inside. A militant said in a telephone interview only eight of the 175 people inside were militants, and only six

was outside politics."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian security chiefs 'wavered in coup'

MOSCOW (R) - Russia's security forces wavered in support

of President Boris Yeltsin until late into the evening on Oct. 3

when hardliners launched an armed rebellion in Moscow, a

senior military adviser said. General Dmitry Volkogonov said

he found a state of confusion among many officials when

called to the Kremlin after hardliners broke a siege of the

White House parliament and stormed the mayor's office and

television centre. "In the Ministry of Security they were saying

Gen. Volkogonov told the Itogi Television News Digest

programme Sunday night. "That's true, there's no need for

political investigations. But that doesn't mean that the main

interest of the ministry, the security of the state, should be put

aside when the question is one of the very survival of the

state," he said. "Then you cannot simply proclaim the army is

outside politics," he said. "To the last moment, literally into

the night this slogan was being used all around... that the army

ROME (R) — The Italian government, shaken by coup rumours and allegations of subversion among intelligence

agents, prepared to hasten a shake-up of its scandal-hit secret

services Monday. President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro has sum-

moned ministers and security chiefs to an unprecedented

meeting Monday evening after a series of dramatic revelations

which culminated with the weekend arrest of a senior

intelligence official. A statement from Mr. Scalfaro's office,

released Sunday night, said the aim of the meeting was to

discuss what it termed "the recent episodes which have

disturbed public opinion." Newspapers said the session,

preceded by a cabinet meeting under Prime Minister Carlo

Azeglio Ciampi, could accelerate reform of the secret services

by scrapping the SISDE civilian intelligence branch. SISDE's

reputation, already battered by allegations of Mafia links and

fraud, plumbed new depths with the arrest of Augusto

Citanna, its section head in the northern city of Genoa.

Citanna was arrested Saturday as part of an investigation into the discovery of an unexploded bomb on a passenger train last month. Two suspected members of the Camorra — the

SEOUL (R) — South Korean President Kim Young-Sam

sacked the transport minister and the head of the Maritime and Port Administration Monday over the nation's worst ferry

disaster in two decades. The 110-tonne ferry Seohae, over-

loaded with holiday-makers and islanders, capsized and sank in rough weather off the west coast on Oct. 10, killing at least

257 people. A presidential spokesman said Transport Minister

Lee Ke-Ik was replaced with Chung Jai-Suk, a former trade

minister, Maritime and Port Administrator Yum Tae-Sup was

replaced with Kim Chul-Yong, former director-general of the

Transport Ministry. Many South Koreans had expected the

transport minister to be replaced earlier this year after two major disasters that killed 143 people; but no move was made.

JOHANNESBURG (R) — UNITA rebels are preventing foreigners, including U.N. relief officials, from leaving Ango-

la's starving "hell city" of Cuito, where aid officials estimate

up to 30,000 people have died in a nine-month guerrilla siege.

State radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corpora-tion, said Monday the foreigners included the World Food

Programme's (WFP's) Mercedes Sayagues who Saturday

helped ferry aid to the city, gripped by the most savage fighting of the resurgent civil war. Aid officials said hunger,

wounds or disease had killed an estimated 30,000 people.

Thousands were starving and about 50 people were dying each

day from hunger. They said bodies were lying unburied in

Germany gifts Patriots battery to Israel

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel has received a \$102 million Patriot

anti-missile battery free from Germany, the Israeli air force

magazine reported Monday. The battery of eight launchers, 57

missiles and a radar control vehicle is a bigger and more

sophisticated version of those deployed by the United States in

Israel to try to shoot down traqi Scud missiles during the 1991

Gulf war, the monthly said. In the middle of the war, as Scuds

landed nightly on Tel Aviv. Germany announced \$666 million

worth of military aid to Israel, including the Patriot. The old

Patriot systems had little success against the 39 Scuds Iraq

fired against Israel, failing to destroy any, although several

U.N. officials held in Angolan city

Neapolitan mafia — were also detained.

S. Korean minister sacked

Italy to shake up secret services

'it's not our business to deal with political investigations,

had guns.
Police said the army moved around the building Friday in the belief that militants intending to steal the relic had broken the locks of the sanctuary. The guerrillas accused the security forces of trying to remove the relic themselves in an attempt to discredit the rebels.

The militants have insisted that the military lift its curfew in Srinagar and open the mosque to the public. The demands are unlikely to be accepted because it would allow supporters to flood the shrine and help the rebels slip

The militants have threatened to blow up the shrine if the soldiers entered. There were unconfirmed reports that militants had spread gunpowder around the build-

Delhi said it had "hard intelligence about Pakistan's direct involvement in the conspiracy," while Pakistan ac-cused the Indian army of "wanton sacrilege" over the

Students set fire to a Hindutemple northeast of Karachi and Pakistani politicians called for demonstrations Monday in protest against the siege.

Diplomats in Islamabad expressed fears of another flashpoint in the making between the two countries which have fought three wars since attaining independence in 1947, two of them over Kashmir.

India charges that the Kashmir rebellion which erupted in January 1990 was instigated and fuelled by Islamabad, which denies the accusation. India, clearly worried that major protests against the op-

eration would erupt in Srinagar and other major towns of the Kashmir Valley, imposed round-the-clock curfews in many places.

Indian security forces killed 20 Muslim militants during a raid on a village in Kashmir Sunday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Monday.

A gunbattle erupted when the troops came under fire from the rebels while conducting a search operation in Thangal-Panner village in Baramulla district, the news agency said.

Twenty militants were killed in the shootout, a government spokesman told PTI. The news agency did not mention any casualties among the security

Indian troops also shot dead three Kashmiri Muslim militants elsewhere in the state overnight, PTI said.

The Indian government Monday invited "impartial observers" from abroad to visit Srinagar, where Muslim militants have been holed up for the past three days. An External Affairs Minis-

try spokesman said New Delhi had noted Pakistan's "spurious and hysterical" reaction to the siege by the Indian army of the Hazratbal Mosque in Srinagar. "The government is willing

to accept visits from impartial observers or individuals from abroad to assess the situation in Srinagar," the spokesman In Dhaka, Bangladeshi

opposition leader Sheikh Hasina Wajed Monday called on India to show restraint in dealing with the current situation in Kashmir, and authorities in Bangladesh tightened security

Walesa

names

premier

WARSAW (AFP) - Polish

President Lech Walesa Mon-

day gave 34-year old Walde-mar Pawlak two weeks to form

a government, following the

victory of a coalition of ex-

Communists in legislative elec-

The president had earlier

Monday accepted the resigna-

na Suchocka's seven-party

coalition, formed in July last

year, but asked the cabinet to

continue in office until parlia-

ment approves the new gov-

Mr. Pawlak is the leader of

the Peasants Party (PSL)

which emerged as the second

largest political grouping after

the ex-Communists of the SLD

after the Sept. 19 parliamen-

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FELLINI IN COMA: Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini, 73, was in a coma Monday in the intensive care unit of a Rome clinic after suffering a heart attack, his doctors said. "The filmmaker is unconscious, in a coma, and assisted by breathing equipment, but it is not possible to assess the seriou condition because of interferences from the medication linked to the therapy he is undergoing," said Professor Maurizio Bufi, chief of the intensive care unit. "The condition of the patient is stationary and the prognosis is reserved," he said. On Aug. 3, the celebrated director of La Dolce Vita and La Strada was hospitalised in Rimini on the Adriatic coast after suffering a stroke, which itself followed a heart by-pass operation in Zurich on June 16. Following the stroke he was transferred to a hospital in the northern town of Ferrara for convalescence and then again to a clinic in Rome, but he was unable to regain complete control of his arms and legs. He was readmitted to the Umberto Primo Clinic on Oct. 9 to continue a physiotherapy programme. The photograph shows Fellini leaving the Rome bospital after recovering from the stroke (AFP photo)

Japan protests against Russia nuclear dumping

TOKYO (R) — Japan Monday demanded a permanent halt to Russia's pumping of hundreds of tonnes of liquid nuclear waste into the Sea of Japan but Moscow replied that it could not halt future dumping, a Foreign Ministry spokesman

He said Akira Hayashi, head of the Foreign Ministry's Arms Control Department, lodged a formal protest at a meeting with Russian Ambassador Lyudvic Chizhov.

'We demand that you stop this kind of dumping," the spokesman quoted Mr. Hayashi as telling Mr. Chizhov. "We demand that you never again do this in the

Mr. Chizhov replied that while Russia had abandoned the dumping of solid nuclear waste into the oceans, it was unable to halt the dumping of liquid waste, the spokesman

Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa said earlier he had received no advance warning from Moscow about the opera-

In Moscow Interfax News Agency quoted Russian Deputy Environment Minister Amirkhan Amirkhanov as

saying governments and international organisations had been warned in advance. "Everything was carried out

according to international norms," he said. The environmental group Greenpeace raised the alarm Sunday after watching a Russian navy vessel pour liquid waste directly into the Sea of Japan off the maritime province in the Siberian Far East, despite a global moratorium.

The dumping comes only a few days after Moscow and Tokyo signed an agreement on the problem during Russian President Boris Yeltsin's trip to Tokyo last week.

A spokesman for the Russian Pacific Fleet in Vladivostok said the current operation had been completed, Kyodo News Agency reported.

It quoted the spokesman as saying the fleet dumped 900 tonnes of liquid nuclear waste this time.

"The Pacific Fleet is under orders to improve the storage and disposal of radioactive materials," Kyodo quoted the spokesman as saying. "But under the current economic situation, there is no other way except dumping into the

Yeltsin will see out his mandate, aide says

MOSCOW (Agencies) -Boris Yeltsin's official spokes-man has joined other top officials in urging the Russian president to reverse his decision to call early presidential elections for June and serve out his mandate, which expires in June 1996.

"In my opinion, Boris Yeltsin should see out his mandate to the end," Viacheslav Kostikov said during the weekly broadcast Itogui on the inde-pendent television NTV.

Russia "needs the delay to allow new forces to develop, to allow talented young leaders who are emerging in Russia to become true statesmen," Mr. Kostikov said on the program-

me Sunday night.

Mr. Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected president who began his five-year term in June 1991, brought forward the date of the next presidential elections to June 12 next year after he dissolved parliament on Sept. 21.

Mr. Kostikov said the president had "spoken of the deci-sion as definitive, but I would not be so categorical."

"I will do everything possible to keep the elections from going ahead next year because Boris Yeltsin is the president Russia needs," he said.

Since the government crushed the rebellion by hardline anti-reformists in parliament on Oct. 3 and 4, Mr. Kostikov said, political change has accelerated.

"Everything that was not achieved after (the failed Communist coup in) August 1991 has been achieved today and the democratic revolution is spreading throughout Russia," he said.

Last week Defence Minister Pavel Grachev and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev both said they thought the president should see out his mandate.

In other developments, the curfew imposed on Oct. 4 in Moscow was lifted on schedule at 5:00 a.m. (0200 GMT) Monday, but authorities said a crackdown on crime would

A state of emergency ordered by Mr. Yeltsin on Oct. was expected to expire at

4:00 p.m. on Oct. 18. Authorities said they had received no instructions for it

to be prolonged. Armoured troops transporters and tanks were also seen

preparing to leave the capital. The T-72 and T-80 tanks had pounded the facade of the White House parliament building, occupied by the rebels lawmakers, before regrouping at Khodinskoe Pole in northwest Moscow, ready to intervene again if necessary.

Troupe acts out surreal side of life in Sarajevo SARAJEVO (R) - The Sarajevo comedy troupe Sur-realist Hit Parade has begun

teaching critizens shell shocked) trams again. Unlikely as it may sound, city authorities hope to start operating a tram service soon down the notorious "sniper alley" which runs through the middle of Sarajevo. Burned-out trans cars, abandoned after being shelled by Serb gunners in the early days of the siege, have been dragged back for repairs by United Nations armoured cars and the tramlines are being cleared. In their near video, Surrealist Hit Parade, a. group of nine actors and witers, have included a sketch that goes into some of the difficulties that might be involved in using a tram service in full sight of the enemy. They see citizens being tent on a course, where they are not. only reminded which door they have to use, but also at which intersections they have to buri themselves to the floor to children first, of course. One of the group's members, Zenit Djozic, explained that they had been working together in television comedy since 1984 and the latest video, which was still being filmed, would be shown at the Sarajevo Festival in December.

Peking to build world's largest aguarium

PEKING (AP) — Already seen the Great Wail? don't think the Forbidden City is worth another look? Then come to Peking to visit the world's biggest aquarium. That's what the Chinese capital plans to build in a mere three years — a 35,000-square-metre (389,000-square-foot) underwater sea world that the official Xinhua News Agency said Monday would be the world's biggest. The aquarium, designed in the shape of a conch. will have sections for invertebrates, inhabitants of tropical rain forests, sharks and others. Xinhna said. Construction is to be undertaken by the Peking Zoo and a Hong Kong com-pany, which was not identi-fied.

Bangladesh finds new way to kill rats

DHAKA (AP) — Every year, Bangladeshi farmers kill tens

of thousands of rats, using cats, traps and pesticides. This year, the growers have come up with another method. They capture rats, stitch closed their annses. and turn them into rodents that are so irritated that they begin killing other rats. "This indigenous method of setting one enerary against another is proving very effective," said Safar Hossain, an agricultural expert heading a two-month-long national rat killing campaign. Government experts say they only began testing this method out in laboratories, after hearing some farmers talk about it.
"We got wonderful results and grabbed it immediately," said Mr. Hossain. The drive against . rodents has been an annual feature in Bangladesh since 1983. The campaign usually starts in late September and intensifies in October and November, when summer crops, including paddy rice, are harvested. On Sunday, 200 farmers marched through Dhaka shouting the slogans of this year's drive, which began late last month. "Rats kill them wherever you find them?" some

Japanese honeymooners splurge:

of them shouted, "God bless

those who kill rats" others

chanted, many of them waving

the carcasses of rats they had

TOKYO (R) — Despite a pro-longed recession, Japan's newlyweds are splurging on honemoons abroad, staying at luxurious suites in expensive hotels, the Japan Travel Bureau said Monday. Of 2,800 couples who tied the knot last month, 95 per cent went abroad for their honeymoons, the privately-owned travel agency said. Few Japanese think of pinching pennies when they get married despite gloomy economic prospects athome, it said. "The trend is still locked on expensive hotels. and rooms," the travel agency said in its report. "Although these trips are getting cheaper, the thinking among (Japanese) newlyweds is that honeymoons should be luxurious." The average cost of a honeymoon package dropped 77,000 year (\$726) to 743,000 year (\$7,000) because the strong yen pushed down prices of airline tickets, the agency said

Shevardnadze seeks Russian help against rebels

TBILISI, Georgia (Agencies)

— Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze called Russian help Monday to halt an advance by rebel troops and vowed to take back lost territory in a rallying cry to his

Mr. Shevardandze told Georgian radio he hoped Russian leaders would agree Monday or Tuesday on ways to defend his Transcaucasian republic. Hours earlier he pledged to hit back against rebels who seized a strategic

western town Sunday. "It is difficult but if we all unite we will be able to get rid of this plague (of rebels)," Mr. Shevardnadze said in a television address on Sunday night, looking tired but confident.

Rebels loyal to ousted President Zviad Gamsakhurdia drove government troops out of Samtredia, an important rail and road junction in western Georgia, in bloody fighting Sunday which the Interior Ministry said killed dozens of

people.

The rebels now control at least 10 towns and districts in western Georgia, including the big commercial port of Poti, while separatists have seized the western province of Abkhazia.

Mr. Shevardnadze said he would not let the rebels take Kutaisi, Georgia's second biggest city just 30 kilometres from Samtredia, and that he would throw new men into

"We will not need long to reinforce Kutaisi and get back Samtredia, Poti and some other regions, and to restore order at any expense," Mr. Shevardnadze said on television.

The republic, on the southern rim of what used to be the Soviet Union, was relatively



Georgian rebel supporters of former President Zviad Gamsakhurdia clean their AK-47 Kalashnikov machine guns on a street in Zugdidi, western Georgia (AFP photo)

quiet on Monday morning. Mr. Shevardnadze, who decided to bring Georgia into the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) this month, made clear he hoped CIS. troops would soon be deployed in the small, mountainous re-"I pin definite hopes on Rus-

sia," he told Georgian radio.
"We must decide how to cooperate, how these two countries should counter what can be called an invasion of Georgia, an attack against its freedom and independence. The form, scope and strength of this will be decided today

and tomorrow.'

Mr. Shevardnadze, a former Soviet foreign minister, said he had ordered the Georgian Defence Ministry to mobilise all remaining military personnel to repel Mr. Gamsakhurdia's rebels. "Tomorrow they will start

moving towards western Georgia because now the fate of western Georgia will decide the fate of all Georgia," he said. "We will use all means to this end including any help if it is offered."

Mr. Shevardnadze's problems have been piling up since Mr. Gamsakahurdia, a Soviet-

era dissident ousted as president amid charges of being a dictator in January 1992, returned from exile last month, Mr. Gamsakhurdia has taken large swathes of territory in the western region of Mingrelia after the retreat of gov ernment forces from the Black Sea region of Abkhazia. Mr. Shevardnadze said United Nations Security Council resolutions supporting the gov-ernment had sounded good but had achieved little. "Unfortunately we turned

out to be alone in fighting our own and external dark forces, in fighting for freedom and independence and democracy," he told the radio. "If our hopes are dashed again, the situation will become diffi-

Meanwhile, the "Defence Ministry" of Abkhazia announced it was planning "effective measures" including military operations to "cleanse" the last remaining pro-Georgian military units from Abkhazian territory, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

Valery Gumba, a spokesman for the ministry, said the decision was taken because these groups had refused to lay down their weapons and leave Abkhazia and because a deadline for their departure had expired Sunday.

The announcement came as Georgian and Abkhazian officials met in Geneva for U.N.sponsored talks on a peace agreement for the republic.

Abkhazia declared its sovereignty from Georgia in July 1992 and more than 2,000 people were killed in the yearlong war that followed and culminated in September with the re-capture by Abkhazian forces of their capital, Sukhu-

Croats it is the only major town they have a serious chance of controlling. Mate Boban, president of the selfstyled Bosnian Croat Republic, said back in June that he intended to make it the republies capital. Fighting between Muslims and Croats was also continuing in central Bosnia in the Prozor

and Gorni Vakuf regions and along the Vitez-Busovaka Kiseljak access, with Muslims reportedly getting the upper hand.

Phillies even world Series at 1-1

TORONTO (R) — Jim Eisenrich's three-run homer capped a five-run third inning and the dadelphia Phillies held on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Sunday and head home with the 90th World Series even at one game apiece.

"I don't know how I got the bat on the ball, but a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while," Eisenrich said.

Every Philly starter got a hit and Lenny Dykstra, John Kruk and Dave Hollins each had two hits and an RBI. Dykstra hit a home run in the seventh inning, as Philadelphia, in its first World Series in 10 years, outhit the defending champion Blue Jays 12-8.

The Jays tried to climb back into the game on Joe Carter's and single runs in the sixth and eighth, and Philadelphia closer Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams flirted with danger as usual but

got the save.
Philadelphia starting pitcher Terry Mulholland earned the win with 5-2/3 innings of seven-hit, three-run ball while Toronto starter Dave Stewart got the loss after giving up six hits and five runs in six innings.

Eisenreich, who needs medicine to control the Tourette's syndrome which kept him out of all or most of the 1983-86 sesons, said: "To be able to play professional baseball is all want to do."

He said he "had a feeling" might hit a home ran going into the game because he had a int of success off Stewart, en-- To a tering the game batting 11-for-·······: 32 off him lifetime.

Thate losing," said Ste-- wart, who has lost three straight World Series games and is 2-4 in fall classic decisions despite an 8-0 record in -American League Cham-

: pionship Series. "This is not a pleasant experience and I'm always surprised when I lose."

He added: "It's my fault. I got behind the hitters, made a couple of pitches I shouldn't

> Mulholland, who felt hedid not have his best stuff; has said his goal was to win two World Series games. 'Simple math dictates I'm

happy till I win the second." tale (efthander said. "I thought it was an outstanding effort," said Phi-

halfway there and I won't be

ladephia manager Jim Fregosi 's = of Mulholland's outing.

"They got a well-pitched game from Mulholland," said Toronto designated hitter Paul
Molitor. "We kept chipping away but we really couldn't - ... overcome the five-run third." . z- In that inning, Dykstra - pitch, and Mariano Duncan walked. Kruk and Hollins then hit back-to-back RBI bloop

out later, Eisenreich Mars on an 0-2 count, lofted his :: 391-foot homer to right centre o make it 5-0.

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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Championship -INDONESIA

Russian international chess grandmaster Anatoly Karpov (left) Monday notes down his move as his Dutch opponent, grandmaster Ian Timman, makes his move during their 14th game played in Jakarta, Indonesia (AFP photo)

Karpov beats Timman in 14th game

man of the Netberlands squandered a golden opportunity for victory over Anatoly Karpov of Russia and lost the 14th game Monday of their official FIDE World Chess Cham-

Karpov increased his lead in the 24-game contest to 8.5 points to 5.5, and his threepoint advantage puts him within reach of the title. The first to 12.5 points will be champion.

The next game will be played Wednesday with Timman having the advantage of the white pieces and the first

Timman had only himself to blame for his loss Monday. The 42-year-old Dutchman sacrificed material as early as the 13th move and soon had a clear advantage, but just at the moment when he could have won, he grabbed a useless

Karpov took control, eventually winning a difficult end-game in 53 moves and 5½ hours of play.

Timman was aggressive from the start, employing the risky Vienna variation of the queen's gambit declined. He tried the Vienna variation thrice before in the match, disastrously, losing one game

soccer looks to rise like a

phoenix from the ashes of Eng-

land's World Cup failure in the

second round of Europe's club

The champions face Galata-

saray of Turkey in the first leg

of their European Cup tie.

Wednesday, although Aston Villa and Norwich start the

damage-limitation exercise in

Manchester United, who had four players in the England side beaten 2-0 by the

Netherlands in the crucial

World Cup qualifier last week,

went some way towards restor-

ing national pride with the

rized by responding at the two-level, then jumped to game over South's minimum rebid.

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer liked the dummy that

came down. After winning on the table, declarer led a trump to the jack, which won. When South cashed the king of trumps and West

showed out, there was a problem.
Declarer did as well as possible by
cashing the remaining high trump
and trying to run the clubs. Unfortunately, East ruffed the third club

and shifted to the ten of spades. That netted the defenders three

Declarer was quick to point out the contract should have been made.

spade tricks for a one-trick set.

competitions this week.

but getting easy draws in the other two.

Karpov sprang the first surprise in the opening Friday with an unexpected bishop move that left Timman a pawn ahead but under considerable

A few moves later Timman came up with a remarkable idea, sacrificing a rook for a bishop, which Karpov almost certainly underestimated in his pre-game preparation.

After thinking for more than

50 minutes, Karpov decided to accept the offered sacrifice but was clearly not happy. Two forced replies by Timman put Karpov into deep thought again. By now Karpov was nodding his head and muttering to himself while Timman relaxed in his private room away from the board.

When Karpov finally moved after an hour, he had only 20 minutes of thinking time left for 25 moves. Each player has 2½ hours for 40 moves, or almost four minutes per move. Then, Timman's 17th move

stunned the watching experts. "Oh no he missed a forced win," exclaimed Indonesian grandmaster Utut Adianto, commenting on the games for the public on a giant demonstration board.

English teams look to rise from

ashes of World Cup failure

future.

LONDON (R) — Manchester manner of their 2-1 win over out against Spurs.

the biggest crowd of the Pre-

mier League season, Saturday. One of the four, winger Lee

Sharpe who scored United's

second goal Saturday, said:

"We now have to prove the

game in this country has a

teams can put on good per-

formances against the best of

Europe, and show the quality

we have, it will put confidence

Paradoxically, the domestic

match held no restrictions for

manager Alex Ferguson on

how many of his."league of

nations' 'squad he could send

back into the game."

"If United and the other top

Over the next few moves Timman allowed the game to get completely out of control and was soon forced to exchange into an end-game where only Karpov had winning chances. Karpov reached the first time control safely, leaving Timman slumped in his chair, regretting an opportun-

"It was a bad game," com-mented Timman's assistant Yasser Seirawan wistfully after his player resigned. "I think they were both simply nervous. Now, it's almost over for Jan."

Timman appeared close to tears as he walked away from the game without a word to waiting journalists, knowing that his chance to become world champion is all but gone. Karpov is within striking dis-

tance of recapturing the official world title he lost to compatriot Garry Kasparov in 1985. Kasparov was stripped of his title by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) earlier this year for refusing to play his world title match in Manchester, England, under FIDE au-

Instead, Kasparov, the world's top rated player, and Nigel Short, his English challenger, organised a more lucrative contest in London.

at Old Trafford, UEFA restric-

tions on foreign players mean

that a predominantly English

line-up will continue the club's

quest for a second European

Cup after their 1968 triumph.

strength against the Turkish

champions but are waiting on

the recovery of England mid-

fielder Paul Ince, who strained

his left ankle against the Dutch in Rotterdam Wednesday.

Victory over the two legs would put United into the

Champions' League, the round robin semifinal series involving

the last eight in two groups of

United should be at full

S. Arabia beat N. Korea 2-1 in **World Cup qualifying round**

DOHA (AP) - Saudi Arabia. dented by the injury of a key striker and the suspension of another, beat a resilient North Korea 2-1 Monday, the third day of the final Asian World Cup qualifying round.
The traditional Arab

headgear of many of the Saudi fans fell, as they danced, hugged, kissed and invoked Allah to celebrate their unexpected victory. All the goals came in the second half.

The Saudis now have three points from two matches, having drawn with Japan 0-0.

In the barren frist half the Saudis missed half a dozen chances. Saudi Arabia came closest to scoring on the 29th minute when Hamzah Falatah dribbled past three Korean defenders and gave a perfect pass, but Saeed Owairan failed to flick the ball to the goal. Korea's Cho Inchol was cautioned in the 20th minute for dangerous play. His team mate Yun Jongsu got a second yellow card in the 32nd minute

dangerous play. In the 36th minute Owairan again failed to beat Korean goalkeeper Kim Yongho from inside the penalty box. Just before the breather, the Saudis missed two sitters. Mansur

when he was booked for

Almuainea hit out and Falatah's header from a corner missed the net.

Seconds after the break, Korean goalkeeper Kim fisted away a header from Abdullah

Aldeavea. In the 47th minute North Korea's Cho Inchol's header flew past the bar.

The first goal for the Saudis came in the 55th minute from a joint effort by Fahad Mehalel, who came in the field as substitute for Khalid Altemawi. He netted the ball from a corner by Khalid Almuwallid.

But the Koreans equalised in the 57th minute when Ryu Songgun scored a brilliant goal from outside the penalty area In the 73rd minute Saudi Arabia's Khalid Almuwallid scored the winning goal from a

The North Korea-Saudi Arabia match was played at the 40,000-seat Khalifa Stadium, where temperatures soared to 34 degrees Celsius (93 Fahrenheit) when the flood

Majid Abdullah, Saudi Arabia's 34-year-old captain whohas played 166 times for the team, badly sprained his leg which prevented him from taking part in Monday's game.

robust Saudi player, was booked for violent play in an encounter with Japan Satur-

The North Koreans failed to demonstrate the skill and physical endurance in the first mathe when they beat Iraq 3-2.

Six teams are competing for Asia's two slots in the 1994 World Cup championship in the United States. Meanwhile, Iraq's chief

coach was warned Sunday that he would be severely punished if he lost his temper again like he did when he broke a chair following his team's defeat in a soccer match against North

Adnan Dirjal, once Iraq's top defender and captain of the national team, broke the chair and angrily gesticulated at the Dutch referee when North Korea's Wonnam Chow scored the wining goal in the 80th minute of Friday's game.

Iraq, which was leading 2-0 until the 63rd minute, played most of the second half with 10 players after its midfielder Saad Benyamin was expelled by referee Jacob Uilenberg for violent play.

"This was nothing but unru-ly behaviour and if the Iraqis repeat such a behaviour we

may slap severe disciplinary measure," said Peter Velappan, general secretary of the FIFA's Asian Football Confederation.

"If such behaviour is repeated, we may impose fine or if it is serious we may take other measures. Velappan, of Malaysia, told the Associated

"These incidents are ungentlemanly and bring disrepute to the game," the warning statement by FIFA said Sunday. "FIFA wish to warn Adnan Dirjal against such behaviour and any further repetitions will incur severe disciplinary measures.

Iraq have enlisted the country's most successful coach to lift the team's morale.

Ahmad Baba, who guided them to 1986 finals in Mexico. was recalled for the remaining Asia final round matches, said a member of the Iraq Football Federation.

"Baba is being flown in as a consultant but Adnan Dirjal will still be coach," said Mayood Al Badary, vicepresident of the Iraq Football Federation.

Dirjal was criticised for a poor tactical substitution in Friday's match against North

Europe's elite let off the hook Blatter: French PAIRS (AFP) — Europe's top clubs were let off the hook at tederation the weekend, as the rivals of may be in AC Milan, Barcelona and Ein-

awe of Tapie DOHA, Qatar (R) — The French Football Federation might have been more decisive in dealing with allegations of match-rigging against Marseil-le if it had not been for the strong personality of club President Bernard Tapie, FIFA General Secretay Joseph Blat-

ter suggested Monday. "It may have been that the French federation would have acted if it was not for the personage of Bernard Tapie," he said. "The whole affair is damaging the reputation of

Tapie, a multi-millionaire businessman who prevsiouly had a controlling interest in the Adidas sportswear giant, is also a former government

Blatter said the French could follow the lead of the Bulgarian Football Association, which recently demoted club side Yantra for match fixing and suspended the players and coach involved for up to two

"The French federation know they have to make a decision — you cannot have a permanent suspension. I think there will be a decision before the end of the year," he said.

Holders Marseille have been expelled from this season's European Cup and stripped off their French League title be-cause of the bribery allega-

The affair has centred on Marseille's former general manager Jean-Pierre Bernes and defender Jean-Jacques Eydelie who are accused of offering bribes to three Valenciennes players to fix a match last season.

league leaders.
Only Paris St. Germain bucked the trend with a narrow 1-0 victory over Metz, thanks to their Liberian-turned-

season, with Foggia's Russian midfielder Igor Kolyvanov volleying home after an hour.

Zvonimir Boban salvage Milan's unbeaten record with a

Parma, the European Cup Winners Cup holders, will probably lay the blame on Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla, who was ordered off for retaliation after barely half an hour.

the top four to win, who beat Atalanta 2-1 at home thanks to a Roberto Baggio penalty and a strike from German interna-

goals apiece.

pulled level with Milan but despite a second-half onslaught led by England captain David Platt and Dutch star Roud Gullit could not cancel out Abel Balbo's goal for AS

aged to beat 10-man Piacenza with a last minute penatly converted by international striker Guiseppe Signori on his return

Defenders Ezio Luzardi, who tried to punch an opponent who was lying on the

ground, and Roberto Cravero. who picked up two yellow

tracht Frankfurt all failed to capitalise on an off day for the

French striker George Weah. AC Milan's iron defence was

pierced for the first time this But not only did Croatia's

late equaliser, second placed Parma missed a golden opportunity to go top on goal difference by drawing 0-0 at Cre-

Joining Parma on 12 points are Juventus, the only one of

tional Andreas Moller. Moller's winner also made

him Italy's joint top goalscorer with Maurizio Ganz, on six Sampdoria could also have

Nine-man Lazio still man-

from injury.

cards, got their marching orders for Lazio in the first Piacenza defender Settimio

Lucci suffered the same fate as Cravero, and even his team's coach, Luigi Cagni, was shown the red card three minutes from the end for gesticulating too wildly from the bench. England playmaker Paul

Gascoigne made an earlierthan-expected return from injury but could only put in a patchy performance, and was substituted seven minutes from In Spain, Barcelona crashed

to their first defeat of the season, going down 1-0 to De-portivo La Coruna in a match which saw Ronald Koeman, the villain in Holland's World Cup triumph over England, involved in fresh controversy. Koeman, who deserved to

be sent off for bringing down David Platt when he was clear through on a run at goal in Rotterdam, was lucky to get off without a booking when he

But there was no stopping Brazilian goal ace Bebeto, who scored the winner. Despite Johan Cruvff's bit-

ter disappointment, the Spanish champions were fortunate enough not to lose top slot in the first division.

Second placed Valencia, like Parma, missed their chance completely.

Beaten 2-0 at Logrones, Valencia finished the weekend where they started, but goal difference keeps them ahead of Johan Toshack's Real Sociedad, who joined the leaders on 10 points after beating Atletico Madrid 2-1.

Real Madrid, who are hav-ing one of their most dismal season's in the club's history. have their goalkeeper Francis-co Buyo to thank for a goalless draw against Tenerife, who completely dominated the

capital club. In Germany, Werder Bremen similarly let Frankfurt off the book — but the headlines went to Bayern Munich's Lothar Matthaus for alleged racism comments about the

The German captain reacted a virulent outburst when he was filmed by a Dutch tourist at the Munich Beer Festival, according to Monday's edition of Der Spiegel magazine. "You Dutch are all arse-

holes," Matthaeus exploded. "It seems like Adolf forgot to take care of you," he said in a reference to the German occupation of the Netherlands during World War II. Matthaus, who has played in

anti-racist matches, told the magazine he could recall a dispute with the tourist but denied the remarks attributed

Back on the pitch, Frankfurt saw their unbeaten run ended a Michael Preetz goal for MSV Duisburg Friday night.

But Bremen, three points adrift, could only manage a goalless draw against newly-Bayern, who play English side Norwich City iun the UEFA Cup Tuesday, moved up a place to third with a 3-1

Matthaus, playing before the storm broke, opened the scoring with a fourth minute penal-

win over Borussia Moencheng-

Swiss goal ace Stephane Chapuisat was on target again with the winner for Borussia Dortmund in their 2-1 victory over high-flying SV Hamburg. In France, Weah's strike kept Paris St. Germain top of the first division.

The good news for French football was that the hundreds of PSG supporters who travelled to Metz behaved impeccably. There had been fears that a booligan element, which had clashed violently with police at the Parc Des Princes on Aug. 28, might cause trou-

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Shaath urges Jordanians to set up joint ventures in occupied territories

Israel is not an economic threat to Arabs, PLO negotiator says

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Monday called on Jordanian businessmen to move quickly to set up joint ventures with Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to ensure a major role in rebuilding the occupied territories and the Palestinian Nabil Shaath, a senior advis-

er to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and a key negotiator with Israel on the implementation of the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO autonomy accord, also said that there was little ground for Arab fears that the Jewish state would economically dominate the Middle East.

Dr. Shaath, addressing a conference of Jordanian and Palestinian businessmen and bankers, said that the autonomy agreement was "not exactly the best of agreements in the world," but that given the situation in the Middle east and the international scene, it was the best the Palestinians could have hoped for at this point in time.

"I could pick thousands of flaws in the accord," said Dr. Shaath. But the most important thing, he said, is that the agreement was a political breakthrough after "the so many missed opportunities of the 1980s, 70s and 60s" and opened the door for the Palestinians to advance in their quest to regain their political and territorial rights.

Dr. Shaath, an eloquent speaker, presented the picture of a PLO, as the sole legitimate representative of the world's Palestinians, moving on a carefully orchestrated path with no doubt whatsoever of the ultimate objective of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Helping the PlO along the way are the shifting priorities on the international and regional scene after the collapse of the Soviet Union, he said.

THE FOLLOWING is a report filed by

Walced Sadi, a Jordan Tim's columnist, from

Geneva. Dr. Sadi, a former Jordanian ambas-

sador, and leading human rights activist, is

attending a U.N. meeting on human rights.

THE U.N. Human Rights Committee

(UNHRC) charged with the mandate of

monitoring the application of the Internation-

al Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is currently formulating its interpretation of Article 27 of the ICCPR dealing

with minorities. The significance of this initia-

tive comes on the heels of absence of defini-

tive international construction on the full

import and scope of what constitutes minor-

Article 27 stipulates that "in those states in which ethnic, religious of linguistic minorities

exist, persons belonging to such minorities

shall not be denied the right to enjoy their

culture, includes to profess and practise their

own religion, or to use their own language. In

order to give this provision a more coherent

meaning, the 18-member committee has de-

cided to articulate its own general comments

on the article with the view of providing an

international standard on the scope and pur-

view of minority rights. In this vein, the expert members of the HRC are driving a

wedge between the right to self-determination to which "peoples" are entitled to and minor-

ity rights that are the absolute rights of "individuals" belonging to minority groups in

In this context it has been emphasised that

the right of self-determination is conferred to

"peoples" and not to "individuals" whereas

minority rights are those cultural, religious

and language rights that minorities are

This line of distinction is not without

controversy since some states maintain that

individuals also have a right to determine

their own future in the general sense. Still,

this is a minority view and most countries view

self-determination as essentially political

rights that peoples should be allowed to

enjoy. Accordingly, the committee members

are leaning in favour of the proposition that

minority rights and their enjoyment presup-

poses and the respect for the territorial

integrity of states whereas the right to self-

determination has no such constraints. This is

the majority position of the committee in spite

of the fact that Article 1 of the covenant states

that the right to self-determination means also

the right of peoples to determine their econo-

mic, social, and cultural development, some-

thing that makes fuzzy the attempted distinc-

tion between minority rights and the right to

The HRC has decided to make an even

clearer difference between the minority rights

and other civil and political rights in the

context of the right to non-discrimination,

equality before the law as spelled out in

self-determination.

accorded under the ICCPR.

ities in the first place.

any given state.

either in the context of posing a counter-balance to the Soviet Union or in the context of protecting oil sources," he said. With the demise of the Soviet Union, the threat of a superpower takeover of the region is no longer existent, and with the reality that "the U.S. is right there where the oil is," there is no longer any Western concern over the stability of oil supplies, he said,

referring to the American military presence in the Gulf and the defence pacts some of the Gulf states have signed with the U.S. nishing strategic value to the U.S., Israel can no longer hope to re-ceive the almost unlimited politic-

al, moral, military and financial support that it used to get from Washington, Dr. Shaath said.

In any event, the PLO was not bargaining away any of its cards by agreeing to the final shape of the occupied territories, he said.

We have not negotiated any of the vital elements of the (auton-omy) agreement and the door is open for us to negotiate every-thing," said Dr. Shaath, referring to the "final status" negotiations scheduled to begin not later than the third year of Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip.

He argued that comments made
by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres, as well as other offi-cials, that an independent Palestinian state was out of question were mainly aimed at pacifying their

Reminded that his own words could also be considered as aimed at soothing Palestinian fears, Dr. Shaath said: "We, the Palestinians, are supported by international legi-timacy and U.N. Security Council, resolutions 242 and 338," which call for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, while the Israeli position is weak since it is

the occupier.

Dr. Shaath, who heads the Palestinian team to negotiations with Israel on the implementation foregone conclusion that the Palestinians' economy had to be closely intertwined with the Jordanian economy since it was not in their interest to continue to be tied

Letter from Geneva

short- and medium-term prospects for contracts and investments in the occupied territories with international financing, Dr. Shaath urged Jordanian businessmen not to waste time in joining hands with

"If I were a Jordanian busin I would be moving quickly to set up joint ventures with Palestinians in the occupied territories, build hotels and set up industries," he

Delving into prospects of a boom in tourism to the Holy Land as the main motivating factor for building hotels there, Dr. Shaath reminded the audience: "There are four million Palestinians who have not seen Palestine: there are 200 million Arabs who have not seen Palestine: and there are one billion Muslims who have not seen Pales-

The Palestinians, working through the newly-set up Palesti-nian Emergency Development and Reconstruction Authority (PED-RA), will ensure that only joint ventures involving Palestinian firms in the occupied territories would be given infrastructure projects and a role in the economic development of the occupied territories, Dr. Shaath said.

Asked how this could be accomdished, given the fact that international donors, the World Bank and U.N. agencies are designated as coordinators in the rebuilding and development process, Dr. Shaath said PEDRA "will have the final say in the matter" and the donors and others should only be concerned by the feasibility and viabilities of the contract of ity of projects and programmes and by arranging the financing.

According to Dr. Shaath, it is a myth that Israel would turn out to be an economic giant and domin-

He pointed out that the main exports of Israel were arms and which are not the main imports of Arab countries." Furthermore, he said, Israel is not in a position to compete with Far East-ern countries in middle-level technological products.

In general, he said, the cost of production in Israel was so high that the Jewish state's production and exports were more oriented towards the West rather than the

Palestine will not be the bridge for Israel to enter the Arab market," he said. On the contrary, if the Arabs play their cards right, they may be able to penetrate the

articles 2(1) and 26 of the ICCPR. In this

regard it is being stated by the committee that

the right to non-discrimination and equality

within the territory of a state irrespective of

whether they are members of a minority

group or not. Against this legal backdrop,

minority rights are distinguishable from non-

discrimination rights and go beyond them in

the opinion of the committee members. Like-

wise, the right of freedom of expression

protected under Article 19 of the covenant, is

a right to which all individuals are entitled to,

notwithstanding whether they are minority

So, again minority rights, transcend the right to freedom of expression just as it

transcends the right to non-discrimination and

equality before the law. Accordingly, minor-

ity rights are additional rights that extend

beyond the standard human rights to which

individuals are entitled to. And since the

covenant enjoins a state party to afford all

individuals within its territory with the rights

protected under the covenant, and not only to

its citizens or nationals, this is clearly spelled out in Article 2(1), on the strength of this

interpretation. Even migrant workers whose

nationality belongs elsewhere are entitled to

the protection of their minority rights over

and above the other basic rights contained in

Where the debate on this topic assumed

greater controversy was over the duties of a

state party to protect minority rights. Given the fact that Article 27 on minority rights is expressed in negative terms when it required

that minorities shall "not be denied their

rights," some members construed this lan-

guage as to mean that a government is obliged

only to protect minority rights but not to take

affirmative or positive actions for this pur-

pose. There is a consensus, however, emerg-

ing within the committee members that a

country is treaty-obligated not only to protect

minority rights but also to promote them at

least in a positive sense. There are those

experts in the human rights body who would rather use the word affirmative measures in

this context in order to give minority rights

more precise parameters. Others would be

satisfied if only positive actions are called for

in this vein; in both cases, however, whether

positive or affirmative actions are to be taken

by a state, they must not be confined to state

acts but also to individual acts of others within

It will be recalled that 123 countries have

already ratified the ICCPR and are therefore

treaty obligated to honour its provisions. The

jurisprudence of the HCR on the puview of

minority rights should be of interest to all

states which have minorities within their

territories. This makes the issue doubly im-

portant to the Middle East which is a mosaic of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

are rights that belong to all "individuals"



RECONCILIATION TALKS: Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks to reporters at his arrival in Baghdad Sunday for a several-day visit in Iraq (see page 1). Mr. Zarif reaffirmed earlier in Tehran,

Iran's commitment to U.N. economic sanction settling problems in the interest of a 'neighbourly of regional stability (AFP photo)

Israel expected to free 6,000 Palestinian detainees soon

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Around 6,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails are expected to be released in the next two weeks under an agreement reached between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) during talks last week, Palestinian sources said Monday. "The release could start as early as Saturday," said

one of the sources, adding that General Amnon Shahak. who led an Israeli team to the talks held in the Egyptian resort of Taba last week, had given an undertaking to this effect to Nabil Shaath, who led the Palestinian side to the

meetings.
The Taba meetings, which resume Wednesday, are part of the follow-up negotiations on the implementation of the Israel-PLO autonomy agreement signed on Sept. 13.

While the Israeli and Palestinian teams met in Taba and discussed various security-related measures of the accord, delegations headed by PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met in Cairo to review the political and economic ispects of landmatk agreement, which went into effect Wednesday.

According to the sources. Gen. Shahak's undertaking came in line with a pledge made by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to PLO

Israel Radio

stop political

ISRAEL Broadcasting Au-

thority Director-General Mor-

department to stop its political

The broadcasts, which

served as a channel of informa-

tion between Israel and the

Arab states, had been severely

curtailed during the past year.

Kirschenbaum made the de-

cision to stop the broadcasts

because, he said, they are no

longer necessary.
"Israel Radio in Arabic must

be credible and not be the

voice of this or that body," he

said Friday. From now, all

commentary in Arabic would

he subject to the same journa-

listic principles as the Hebrew

section two of them as com-

mentators. The staff has all

been moved to other depart-

Israel Radio in Arabic

broadcasts 181/2 hours daily.

According to past surveys, 90

per cent of Israeli Arab adults

listen to the service at least

once a week, while 39 per cent

consistently listen to the broad-

An IBA spokesman also said

the Voice of Israel's broadcast

in Arabic were popular in

In Jordan, it is listened to by

an estimated 24 per cent of the

population, ahead of the BBC

and Radio Monte Carlo; in

Egypt by 14 per cent, and in

Syria by 30 per cent of the

population, the second most

popular station after Radio Monte Carlo, the spokesman

said — The Jerusalem Post.

Arab countries

commentary, he added. Eight people were employed by the political information

broadcasts

information broadcasts.

Arabic

service to

Chairman Yasser Arafat when they met in Cairo two weeks ago.

The sources said the Taba talks also produced an Israeli agreement to allow a team of Palestinians to visit the occupied territories to assess the 'security situation" there to plan for the deployment of a Palestinian force simultaneous with the scheduled beginning of Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip

and Jericho on Dec. 13. The sources could not say when the team will travel to the occupied lands. The sources confirmed that

the PLO was seeking the release of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, leader of the Islamic resistance movement, Hamas, who is serving a life sentence in an Israeli jail, as well as other Palestinians despite the uncertainties of their support for the autonomy agreement.

Dr. Shaath himself, addressing a conference of businessmen in Amman Monday, said the PLO was seeking the "unconditional and immediate release of all Palestinian prisoners" in

Dr. Shaath, who put the number of detainees at 13,000, said the PLO "will not settle for anything less." The some

understood that the release of 6,000 this week or next week would be followed up by other batches subject to further discussions.

Mr. Peres and his boss Rabin said Sunday that a large number of Palestinian prisoners could be released soon. Mr. Peres noted that the reasons for keeping them prisoner for anti-resistance activities were negated by the autonomy accord.

Neither Mr. Peres nor Mr. Rabin would give any numbers of prisoners expected to be released. Mr. Peres estimated the total number of detainees at 11,000. There was no explanation for the discrepancy between the fi-gures given by Dr. Shaath and the Israeli foreign minis-

Reports in the Israeli press have said that 2,000 Palestinians convicted of killing or maiming Israelis will not be released. The sources here could not provide any information on these reports.

The sources said, however, that the Israeli delegation at the Taba talks raised the issue of six Israeli servicemen reported missing in Lebanon after the 1982 Israeli invasion of that country.

The Israelis wanted PLO help to gaining information on its missing servicemen." said the source. "Obviously this is an area where the PLO could offer only limited help since it does not hold any of the missing or the remains of those who are presumed

The pro-Iranian Hizbollah. a fierce opponent of the peace process, is believed to be holding an Israeli airman, reportedly the only Israeli serviceman alive among the six missing.

UAE and **Qatar** to assist Sean Connery **Palestinian**

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar are expected to contribute funds for a Palestinian authority in Israeli-held lands, a senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said Monday.

autonomy

Mahmoud Abbas, who on Sept. 13 signed the PLO's peace deal with Israel, told Reuters that UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan pledged aid during a meeting on Monday. "We (the PLO) thanked the

president for his support for the peace agreement and (financial) backing for the re-construction of Palestine," he said in a telephone interview. Mr. Abbas (Abu Mazen) said he discussed with Sheikh

Zayed the principle of aid to Palestinians but did not touch on a specific amount. "I also believe Qatar will not

hold back," he said. He was referring to shortterm start-up costs put at \$590 million as well as a World Bank-sponsored longer term plan that could cost \$3 billion

for a Palestinian authority initially set up in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho. Gulf Arab states were angered by the PLO sympathy with Iraq during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis but have welcomed the PLO-Israeli accord on

ised to help finance it. "I did not ask Sheikh Zayed for a specific amount. He said "we (UAE) will contribute and become partners in reconstruction," Mr. Abhas added.

Palestinian self-rule and prom-

Saudi Arabia is so far alone among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states to pledge specific financial aid. It offered an initial \$100 million to help Palestinians implement the accord and more later to the long-term development

Washington had urged the GCC — which apart from Saudi Arabia and the UAE includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar — to provide \$200 million in immediate aid to Palestinians.

Mr. Abbas said he expects a final decision on aid will be taken collectively when GCC November.

The GCC was the PLO's main backer, granting it more than \$1.5 billion in the 11 years prior to Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Kuwait alone has rejected all PLO overtures.

But the Jewish state would

help them plan. Mr. Shohat

expected multilateral institu-

tions like the World Bank to

handle much of the funds

although some of the \$600 mil-

lion would go straight to the

He said Israel would provide

years as "political insurance"

or guarantees to encourage

Israeli businessmen to set up

joint ventures with Palesti-

He said the Israeli economy

would also benefit from the

agreement but he would not

treated at London cancer hospital

LONDON (R) - Scottish film

star Sean Connery said Monday he had undergoned radiotherapy treatment for a throat condition at a top London cancer hospital. In an interview with television station GMTV, the star, famous for his film roles as British secret agent James Bond, did not go into details about the nature of his health problem. But he said he had undergone six weeks of radiotherapy treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital and the treatment forced him to miss the American premiere of his new film, Rising Sun. Connery, 62, told others who might need to undergo the treatment that they had nothing to fear.
"I was very fortunate. I didn't
get any of the sleeplessness or depressions... Really, for any-body who is going to have it done, it's really a walk in the park," Connery said. Almost four years ago, he had laser treatment to remove a growth on his vocal chords.

Mao in the sky with diamonds

PEKING (R) --- A diamondstudded medal depicting Chi-na's late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung was shot into space aborad a satellite and will be auctioned after orbiting Earth some 128 times, an official newspaper said Monday. The Shanzi Daily said the medal, produced by the Zhongzu Company in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen, was sent aloft on Oct. 8 aboard a recoverable research satellite launched by a Chinese Long March rocket. "The medallion weighs about 28 grammes (0.9 oz) and is set with 44 South African diamonds," the newspaper said in an edition seen in Peking. "After it returns it will be sold at an international auction in Peking. **U.K.** special

forces have underwater guns

LONDON (R) - British special forces are equipped with secret rifles and pistols that can kill people underwater, an authoritative journal said Monday. The article in Jane's Security Counter Insurgency Eduidment said such weadons were issued to Britain's Special Boat Group, fired dart-like rounds that could penetrate diving suits and glass masks, and could kill a person at well below 100 feet (30.5 metres). Britain, along with other Western countries, has never acknowledged the existence of such weapons. "The existence of the weapons is not in doubt," weapons expert Ian Hogg said in the article. The West had gone to great lengths to hide the existence of the weapons, he added. But the Russians had displayed their versions of the weapons at a recent military exmonsors can asked: "If the Russians can

Tokyo woman jogger shot in back with crossbow

TOKYO (R) — A 33-year-old woman was shot in the back with a crossbow and seriously wounded while jogging along a road in the Itabashi residential area of Tokyo. Doctors said the arrow missed her heart by two centimetres. The local ward office said arrows similar to the one that hit the jogger were found in a nearby parking area, and were probably dropped by the assailant fleeing the far four ced by ward, a duck was found with an arrow through its back, and police are investigating a possi

jalivagetable

Powerful, poor mingle on U.N. Day Against Misery

PARIS (R) - The powerful and the poor mingled opposite the Eiffel town in Paris Sunday, proclaimed International Day Against Misery by the United Nations as part of its commitment to eradicate poverty around the world. In a message to the gathering in the French capital, U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said: "More than ever, ending the extreme poverty of hundreds of millions of people across the world is imperative for us." Organisers of the rally told the homeless who flocked to the rally that 40 million people in Europe alone lived below the poverty line. "We masn't forget those who live in misery," said one small boy.

Israel minister warns against euphoria TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's Finance Minister Avratructure and lack of economic management in the occupied ham Shohat tried Monday to territories, which are to begin emerging from 27 years of Israeli military occupation dampen expectations of an investment boom in the occupied

territories following the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace accord.

Mr. Shohat said both the Palestinian and Israeli economies would eventually benefit from the agreement but invest-ment in the West Bank and dechai Kirschenbaum has ordered Israel Radio's Arabic Gaza Strip would be slower than thought. "I don't want to exaggerate

expectations," Mr. Shohat told foreign journalists and diplomats at a briefing.
"I think there is a certain euphoria about investing

money in the territories. think people overestimate the possibility of doing it very very

"I want that this vision will come to reality but I think that it will take more time than we think," Mr. Shohat said. He noted the poor infrasunder the agreement signed with the PLO last month.

He said the occupied territories would have difficulty absorbing more than the \$600 million already pledged by 47 donor nations for 1994, the first year of Palestinian interim self-rule.

jects and help alleviate chronic Palestinian unemployment. How the money was allocated and spent would be worked out by a Palestinian-

said. Some economists fear mis-

nian economy. Mr. Shohat said Israel would not "patronise" the Palestinians by telling them where and how to spend their

PLO to set up a police force.
Mr. Shohat, who is committed to privatising Israel's statedominated economy, said private business should be the engine of growth in the terri-He said that money would finance big infrastructure pro-\$50 million over the next five

Israeli steering committee to meet in Paris on Nov. 5, he

management and corruption could be devil the new Palesti-

Israeli officials forecast gross domestic product growth of about four per cent a year over the next five years compared with about 4.5 per cent in 1993.

EC offers W. Bank emergency aid

AMMAN (R) — The European Community (EC) has pledged over \$30 million in emergency aid to bail out schools, universities, clinics and hospitals in the Israelioccupied territories, a senior Palestinian economist said.
"We were promised urgent

assistance by the end of the year which will end the financial crisis in the universities and hospitals," Samir Hulleilah told Reuters on his way back to the West Bank from Tunis on Sunday.

"It's to help support arrangements for the transfer of Palestinian authority and the implementation of the PLO-Israel accord," he added. He said the urgent assistance would end a cash flow crisis and pay staff salaries suspended for months in many educational and medical institutions in the cash-strapped

Mr. Hulleilah said the EC had committed an immediate 20 million European currency unit (\$23.7 million) extended emergency package which would be increased to 30 million ECU (\$35.4 million) before the end of the year.

He said the EC had raised the possibility of increasing the package to 50 million ECU (\$59 million), Mr. Hulleilah said half the

package 15 million ECU (\$17.7 million), would go to the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Higher Education Council responsible for the running of five main universities and would be disbursed by the beginning of next year.

Another six million ECU (\$7 million) grant would cover current budgets of major hospitals administered by the Dutch

Red Cross, renovation of U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) schools in Gaza, and help fund International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) assistance to Palesti-nian prisoners in Israeli jails.

He said the EC in a meeting a month ago of its 12 member states indicated it would pledge five million ECU (\$5.9 million) to help set up a Palestinian Emergency Development and Reconstruction (PEDRA), the body to administer and coordinate international donor aid.

The PLO had estimated the cost of setting up PEDRA be-tween \$15 to \$20 million. The EC is spearheading a

European drive to lead the international aid effort to rebuild the occupied territories after a historic PLO-Israeli agreement signed last month for Palestinian self-rule.



